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POLL RESULTS

Should PSS put off the start of classes to mid-September when the power situation is expected to stabilize?

Yes-**46**

No-**46**

Sunday, August 31, 2008

15 DAYS until Sept. 16, when Aggreko generators are to start working

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Mandatory Evacuation

Residents were ordered to flee an only partially rebuilt New Orleans Sunday as another monster storm bore down on Louisiana nearly three years to the day after Hurricane Katrina wiped out entire swaths of the city.

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Post-Olympic Fever

Fans began lining up at 6 a.m. Saturday for a chance to snag free tickets to "The Oprah Winfrey Show" season premiere featuring 150 U.S. Olympic athletes.

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FITIAL SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL SAYS:

Only 2-7% of alien workers will get visas

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Under the federalization law, only 2 to 7 percent of foreign workers will get U.S. visas while 132 labor and immigration personnel will lose jobs, according to the governor's special legal counsel Howard Willens.

In his power point presentation to the Legislature, a copy of which was obtained by *Saipan Tribune* on Friday, Willens said H-1 visas require advanced academic credentials, while H-2 visas are for "temporary" intermittent work.

Willens

He said the persons qualified for H-1 visas are accountants, computer programmers, engineers, architects, and teachers.

Qualified for H-2 visas, Willens said,

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ARTWORK JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Paintings and traditional Carolinian and Chamorro crafts are displayed during the Annual CNMI Cultural Heritage and Arts Pacifica Exhibit at the Joeten Motors Building showroom in San Jose Saturday. The Arts Pacifica Exhibit will also feature artworks from Pacific island groups such as Micronesia, Polynesia, and Melanesia and will run until Sept. 30.

Labor Day by the numbers

The first observance of Labor Day is believed to have been a parade of 10,000 workers on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by Peter J. McGuire, a Carpenters and Joiners Union secretary. By 1893, more than half the states were observing a "Labor Day" on one day

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A laborer moves a sheet of plywood at a New York construction site on Monday, Aug. 25, 2008.

Senate president also opposes lawsuit against federalization

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Reyes

Senate President Pete P. Reyes has also expressed opposition for the CNMI pursuing a costly litigation against federalization instead of engaging in a dialogue with the federal government.

"I am not going to do anything unless I am convinced one way or another. Right now I am not convinced that the best approach is litigation," Reyes told *Saipan Tribune* on Friday.

He pointed out that there are other cheaper ways to do it and that one of them is request for Section 902 consultation with the federal government.

"If Section 902 consultation is requested and the U.S. denies that then

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CPA cancels generator project

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority has canceled the planned installation of a third generator at Francisco C. Ada International Airport to power key facilities amid protests over how the company tasked with completing the work was selected.

In an Aug. 27 letter, acting CPA executive director Lee Cabrera said the agency has cancelled the project and

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Local

Torres, Palacios file bill to address delays in structural projects

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION
SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATIONS	MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGES (FIXED)	RATES PER KILOWATT-HOUR (kWh) ELECTRIC NON-FUEL RATES (FIXED)	ELECTRIC FUEL RATES (FLUCTUATES)	TOTAL RATES PER kWh
RESIDENTIAL	$ 5.60			
1. First 500 kWh (1 To 500)		$ 0.016	$ 0.362	$ 0.378
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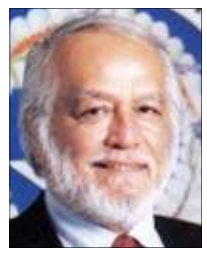
3. Next 1,000 kWh (1,001 To 2,000)		0.086	0.362	0.448
4. All kWh After 2,000 (Over 2,000)		0.127	0.362	0.489
COMMERCIAL (All kWh Billed)	$ 7.67	$ 0.086	$ 0.362	$ 0.448
GOVERNMENT (All kWh Billed)	$ 7.67	$ 0.091	$ 0.362	$ 0.453
NON-CONFORMING LOAD (All kWh Billed)	$ 56.00	$ 0.222	$ 0.362	$ 0.584

HISTORY OF ELECTRIC FUEL RATES:

JANUARY 2007	$ 0.196	NOVEMBER 2007	$ 0.258
FEBRUARY 2007	$ 0.188	(RES. ONLY, 11/2 - 30/07)	
MARCH 2007	$ 0.188	NOVEMBER 2007 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.258
APRIL 2007	$ 0.191	DECEMBER 2007	$ 0.258
MAY 2007	$ 0.222	JANUARY 2008	$ 0.258
JUNE 2007	$ 0.221	FEBRUARY 2008	$ 0.253
JULY 2007	$ 0.223	MARCH 2008 (RES. ONLY)	$ 0.176
AUGUST 2007	$ 0.223	MARCH 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.288
SEPTEMBER 2007	$ 0.228	APRIL 2008 (RES. ONLY)	$ 0.176
OCTOBER 2007	$ 0.228	APRIL 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.327
(RES. ONLY, 10/1 - 3/07)		MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/1 - 2/08)	$ 0.176
OCTOBER 2007	$ 0.176	MAY 2008 (RES. ONLY, 5/3 - 31/08)	$ 0.357
(RES. ONLY, 10/4 - 31/07)		MAY 2008 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.357
OCTOBER 2007 (ALL OTHERS)	$ 0.228	JUNE 2008	$ 0.387
NOVEMBER 2007	$ 0.176	JULY 2008	$ 0.413
(RES. ONLY, 11/1/07)		AUGUST 2008	$ 0.413

Rep. Stanley T. Torres and House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios have filed a legislation that aims to address the problem on delays in structural projects in the CNMI.

House Bill 16-149 seeks to suspend for two years a provision that requires the government to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System.


Torres

Palacios

Torres and Palacios said the suspension of the provision is needed to provide the Department of Public Works with time to certify its personnel or to hire LEED certified personnel.

The lawmakers stated in the legislation that this two-year period will permit DPW to employ one or all of the strategies for compliance with the achievable mandates of the Energy Conservation Act.

Public Law 15-23, as amended, established incentives for producing electricity using alternative or renewable energy.

Since the enactment of Public Law 15-23, as amended, the government has been required to meet LEED Silver standards for all new buildings.

However, Torres and Palacios noted, DPW does not have LEED-certified personnel and this has led to increased construction costs due to delay in structural projects.

The lawmakers stressed that they are still in strong support of building sustainable structures, but that DPW needs time to certify its personnel or to find additional funding to hire a LEED-accredited professional. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

GIOVANNI'S B-DAY
Hyatt Regency Saipan staff sing a birthday song around the lighted cake in celebration of Giovanni's Restaurant 13th year anniversary, Friday night.
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In Re The Guardianship of:	)	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION
T.I., K.E., W.T.E., & K.E.	)	NO. 07-0593
By:	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
Julie G. Suda & Kintaro K. Suda Petitioners.	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on September 8, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2008.

Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

Guam contractors eye workforce on Saipan

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Contractors in Guam gearing up for the pending military build up there are eying Saipan's workforce to meet their need for skilled labor and will host a recruitment event here later this month.

Guam is preparing for the relocation of thousands of American armed forces personnel there from Okinawa, Japan. The effort will require a host of major construction projects to support it, such the building of new seaport infrastructure and housing.

"Right now, the amount of work we have on Guam is stable but we do anticipate that in the next couple of years it will increase very quickly," said James Martinez, execu-

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Benigno Sablan reappointed to Fishery Management Council

The U.S. Commerce Department has announced the reappointment of Benigno M. Sablan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council.

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional bodies established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act that prepare fishery management plans for marine fish stocks in their respective geographic areas of responsibility. NOAA's Fisheries Service submits the management plans to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval.

Sablan, who has a degree in fisheries science, served for three consecutive terms as a member of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands House of Representatives, was former secretary for the CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, and was an elementary school teacher. Under this appointment, he will serve on the council until Aug. 10, 2011.

Council members represent diverse fisheries' interests, including commercial and recreational fisheries. They bring environmental, academic, and other perspectives from each geographic area to the councils. The Secretary of Commerce appoints council members from nominations submitted by governors from the areas served by each council.

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LABOR

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or another, and Congress passed a bill to establish a federal holiday in 1894. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill soon afterward, designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day.

Who Are We Celebrating?

154.5 million
Number of people 16 and older in the nation's labor force in May 2008, including 82.6 million men and 71.9 million women.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employee Benefits

82%
Percentage of full-time workers 18 to 64 covered by health insurance during all or part of 2006.

Source: Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2006

77%
Percentage of workers in private industry who receive a paid vacation as one of their employment benefits. In addition:

- 77 percent of workers receive paid holidays.
- 15 percent have access to employer assistance for child care.
- 12 percent have access to long-term care insurance.
- 71 percent have access to medical care, 46 percent to dental care, 29 percent to vision care and 64 percent to outpatient prescription drug coverage.

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 634

Our Jobs

Americans work in a variety of occupations. Here is a sampling:

Occupation	Number of employees
Teachers	7.1 million
Hairdressers, hairstylists and cosmetologists	778,000
Chefs and head cooks	345,000
Taxi drivers and chauffeurs	333,000
Firefighters	288,000
Roofers	269,000
Pharmacists	247,000
Musicians, singers and related workers	170,000
Gaming industry (gambling)	111,000
Tax preparers	104,000
Service station attendants	90,000
Logging workers	88,000

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 596

7.7 million
Number of workers who hold down more than one job. So-called moonlighters comprise 5 percent of the working population. Of these, 4 million work full time at their primary job and part time at their other job.

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 589

When Do They Sleep?

There are about 288,000 moonlighters who work full time at both jobs.

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 589

10.4 million
Number of self-employed workers.

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 585

22 million
Number of female workers 16 and older in educational services, and health care and social assistance industries. Among male workers 16 and older, 11.5 million were employed in manufacturing industries.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey

28%
Percentage of workers 16 and older who work more than 40 hours a week. Eight percent work 60 or more hours a week.

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 582

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Median number of years workers have been with their current employer. About 9 percent of those employed have been with their current employer for 20 or more years.

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 591

10.3 million
Number of independent contractors. Other workers with alternative work arrangements include 2.5 million on-call workers, 1.2 million temporary help agency workers and 813,000 workers provided by contract firms. Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 588

15.6 million
Number of labor union members nationwide. About 12 percent of wage and salary workers belong to unions, with Hawaii and New York having among the highest rates of any state. North Carolina has one of the lowest rates, 3 percent.

Source: Upcoming Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2009, Table 644

73.5%
Size of labor force growth in Frisco, Texas, between 2000 and 2005, the highest among cities with populations of 25,000 or more. Frisco was followed by the fellow Texas cities of Cedar Park (growth of 66 percent) and McKinney (52.5 percent), then by Carmel, Ind. (49.9 percent) and Dania Beach, Fla. (45 percent).

Source: County and City Data Book

74,700
Number of jobs added in Harris County (Houston), Texas, between September 2006 and September 2007, the largest increase in employment among the nation's 328 largest counties.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

5.4 million
The number of people who work at home.

Source: 2006 American Community Survey

Editor's note: The preceding data were collected from a variety of sources and may be subject to sampling variability and other sources of error. Facts for Features are customarily released about two months before an observance in order to accommodate magazine production timelines. Questions or comments should be directed to the Census Bureau's Public Information Office: telephone: 301-763-3030; fax: 301-763-3762; or e-mail: pio@census.gov.

CPA

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will issue a modified request for proposals in the near future to begin the process of selecting a contractor for it once again.

The generator project, according to the letter, stems from Federal Aviation Administration concerns aired in July that the local airport's tower and firefighting facility are "off the grid" and in need of added electrical power, Cabrera said in an interview last week.

After releasing a request for proposals, CPA had initially hired contracting company GPPC to take up the project, a move that riled Seafix Inc., which had also submitted a proposal for it. According to the letter, Seafix had argued that, among issues, GPPC's proposal lacks key details and plans to rehabilitate the other two generators at the facilities, plans the company said were required by CPA's request for proposals.

However, Cabrera denies those protests in the letter, saying plans for the other two generators were not a required element of proposals for the project and that while GPPC's initial submission had certain missing elements, CPA later got the details it needed from the company.

"Seafix and other proposers were afforded a full opportunity to pose questions regarding the scope of work precisely to avoid any misconstructions by a proposer," Cabrera writes.

On the protest over GPPC's proposal, he adds that CPA "took the initiative to confirm that specific items were included" in it.

Cancellation of the project comes after the airport earlier this month suffered a three-hour power outage that stranded many tourists and prompted an apology from CPA. The outage was made worse by the lack of a generator at the airport.

GUAM

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tive director of the Guam Contractors Association.

This anticipated construction boom has spawned an increased need for workers and, according to local labor activist Irene Tantiado, some contractors are already recruiting foreign workers from places like the Philippines to meet it.

Yet in an event slated for Sept. 13, Tantiado said local workers will get a chance to meet with GCA's membership and apply for jobs in Guam. Contractors will have booths at the event, set to take place at American Memorial Park, and give workers insight on the type of work available, Tantiado said. Interpreters will also be on hand to help foreign workers apply.

"We're telling everyone now because we want them to prepare their resumes and employment certification," Tantiado said, noting skilled laborers will need three years of experience to meet the criteria for working in Guam.

Tantiado said the event will cater to workers in skilled fields like carpentry, electrical work, heavy equipment operation, and structural steel work. Martinez and Tantiado both noted, however, that foreign workers will have to return to the nations of origin to go through the process of getting the immigration approval they need to work in Guam.

SENATE

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I need to come in that. But that has not happened yet," the senator said.

With respect to the top leaders of the House of Representatives' strong opposition to litigation, Reyes pointed out that the House's statement that public funds are not going to be used "says it all."

He said the Senate cannot approve funding if the House does not approve it.

The CNM Constitution, the senator noted, requires that any funding or appropriation of money or revenue, legislation shall be initiated and approved by the House.

"If the House does not initiate any legislation to fund the litigation then the Senate has no way of funding it," Reyes said.

He compared the U.S. and CNMI's situation to a couple.

"When a husband and a wife argues they don't take each other to court. They sit down and talk about it," Reyes said.

The senate president said he is not afraid to throw his support to litigation if he is convinced that it the best approach.

"The bottom line is there is a difference of position. And that difference can be fixed if we are talking to each other. But we are not talking to each other. We're already saying I'm going to take you to court before we talk," Reyes added.

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios and Vice Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero echoed Rep. Diego Benavente's position that the Commonwealth should engage the federal government in dialogue instead of pursuing costly but uncertain lawsuit. Rep. Christina Sablan was the first lawmaker to express strong opposition to the costly litigation, saying it's only "a waste of public funds."

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are entertainers, construction project workers, trainers, and persons involved in limited time contracts.

The special legal counsel said currently there are 18,942 alien workers in the CNMI and that if 2 percent of the current on-island foreign workers qualify for visas, only 379 will be available.

He said if 7 percent qualify for visas, only 1,326 alien workers will be available.

Willens said the CNMI economy needs 30,000 workers to function at a level that produces a reasonable U.S.-equivalent standard of living.

He said CNMI, however, currently has only 11,000 U.S. citizen workers and 900 permanent resident workers.

The special legal counsel cited that due to out-migration U.S. citizen worker population has been steady for 10 years, while permanent resident worker population has been decreasing for five years.

Willens said off-island foreign workers who qualify for H-visas will go to the U.S. or Guam if possible.

With respect to immigration issue, the lawyer said the federalization law will cause higher immigration fees for employers or over $3,000.

This, he said, will also cause loss of immigration fees to CNMI government.

On loss of 80 jobs at the Immigration Division, Willens said the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's jobs require U.S.-based training and that no such training is available until June 2009.

The training, he said, takes nine to 12 months if DHS elects to provide.

He said the ripple effects from loss of jobs are further out-migration from CNMI, loss of tax revenues, and loss of consumer demand.

With respect to economic effects to local Labor, Willens said the reduction of foreign workers now on island under CNMI entry permits to zero.

"The possible extension for five years or even 10 years does not change the mandated reduction to zero," he said.

The other effect, he said, is loss of labor fees to CNMI government.

On loss of 52 jobs at the Department of Labor, Willens said DHS might utilize some current Labor employees, but that they have not yet considered this option in any detail.

He said higher paid (dual wage scale) federal workers will move to Saipan.

Willens said CNMI will have no control of decisions which businesses get foreign worker permits.

"DHS might permit CNMI government to participate in this decision-making process, but they are not now inclined to do so," he said.

DHS, he pointed out, would always retain a veto power.

During the closed-door presentation, Willens tried to convince the Legislature to provide funding of about $400,000 in an eight-month period that he said the administration will need to pursue the litigation against the federalization law.

The top leaders of the House of Representatives—Speaker Arnold Palacios and Vice Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Gurrero—on Thursday spoke in unison to express their strong opposition to the administration's request to support the lawsuit. They said the CNMI should engage the federal government in dialogue instead of pursuing a costly but uncertain court action.

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Long-term alien workers clean up pathway

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REPORTER

Over 50 alien workers, mostly longtime workers on Saipan, cleaned up the pathway from Kilili Beach all the way to 13 Fishermen in Garapan yesterday.

The workers, mostly Filipinos, volunteered their time to make the pathway safer for walkers and joggers by removing the debris along the long stretch of the pathway.

After sweeping the leaves and other debris that accumulated on the pathway over the years, the workers used a blower as a finishing touch.

It was the first time that the pathway received blower work since it was constructed many years ago.

It took the alien workers over four hours to finish the cleanup. They collected several truckloads of debris and trash.

The workers and their children ended up their community project with a barbecue picnic held at a pavilion near the 13 Fishermen Monument.

Before and after the cleanup the workers had short discussions about the federalization process, improved immigration status, and other issues.

The House of Representatives recently "killed" a bill that proposed to grant improved immigration status to long-time guest workers in the CNMI.

Dekada Movement president Bonifacio Sagana said the cleanup was too tiring because of its distance and due to large amount of debris that they collected.

"But we are very happy because somehow we make the pathway safer for joggers and walkers now," Sagana said.

The group coordinated the cleanup with the Division of Environmental Quality and Division of Parks and Recreation.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Longtime guest workers volunteer their time to clean up the pathway from Kilili Beach to 13 Fishermen Monument in Garapan yesterday. The workers use blowers as a finishing touch to make the pathway safer for joggers and walkers.

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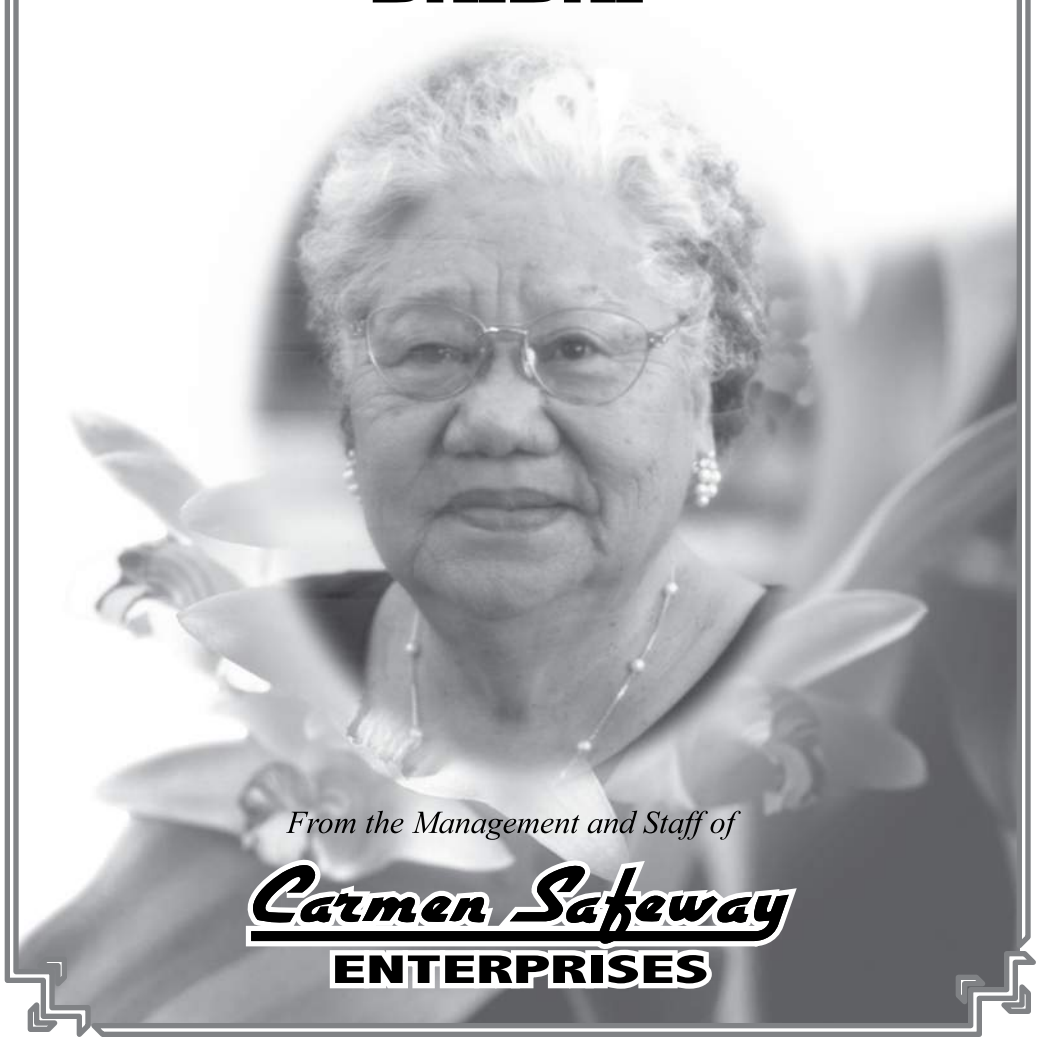

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CASE NO.	EMPLOYER
07-008-01	Acosta, Carmen and Cabrera, James
07-068-04	Aldan, Olivia B.
07-047-03	Alvarez, Ray
07-045-03	Arizapa, Lucia (deceased)
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07-029-02	Atom's Co., Ltd.
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07-100-12	Camacho, Aida A.
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07-039-03	Emperor Holdings, Ltd.
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07-026-02	Flores, Derron G.
07-004-01	Four Nine International Co., Ltd.
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07-027-02	Goodwill Investment Corp.
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07-048-03	I Mart
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07-051-03	Sablan, Roland
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07-070-05	Top Fashion Corp.
07-041-03	Wah Li, Inc.
07-034-03	Welch's Catering
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07-002-01	Yong Sang Pacific Corp.
07-062-03	Zheng Rui Brothers Corp.

DFW intern finds out no one knows where invasive species on Saipan come from

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A student from the University of California Santa Barbara who has just completed his internship with the Division of Fish and Wildlife said he found out "no one really has any idea" where the invasive species they have discovered on Saipan came from.

During the two-month training program, Philip Johnson, along with his mentor from the DFW, visited different areas to collect samples on both highly impacted and pristine waters.

The team used three simple or traditional methods such as minnow trap, dip net and electro fishing.

The pristine sites they have sampled were Telefofo, Tanapag Hills and Kagman while the modified sites included Costoo Marsh, Lake Susupe, Dai-Ichi Drainage, Coral Ocean Point golf course, and the Marianas Country Club golf course.

Johnson is one of 10 students who have just completed the annual summer coral reef initiative internship program jointly hosted by the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Management and DFW.

The list of invasive species they found on the sites included sailfin mollies (poecilla latipinna), Tilapia (mossam bicus, Zilfi), milkfish (chanos chanos), and ramshorn snail (planorbidae).

Johnson said most of the tilapia species were located on the golf course.

"The amazing thing is that when we asked the golf owners how those tilapia arrived at the ponds, they said they don't really know how," Johnson said during his power point presentation.

His team also listed the native species they have found. These were shrimp (Atyid sp; Macrobrachuim sp), marine toad (bufo marinus), tarpon (megalops cypinoides), rock flagtail (kuhlia ruprestris), and gobies.

Wing Beach cleanup set

The Division of Environmental Quality cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Wing Beach on Saturday, Sept. 6.

If you would like to volunteer your time to clean and beautify the island, meet brigade members at Wing Beach at 8am. Volunteers will clean until 10am, break for drinks, and continue the cleanup, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt.

Last month, volunteers removed debris from Makaka Beach. The last time Wing Beach was selected as a brigade location was September 2007. The DEQ cleanup brigade began in 1996 and continues to maintain clean, healthy beaches.

For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

BIRTHDAY GIRL
Happy birthday greetings go out to Geneva Sabugo, who is celebrating her eighth birthday today, Sept. 1. May you enjoy your special day and we wish you more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Emman and Jaiden.

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Our sincerest condolences to the family of
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Yap in FSM establishes manta ray sanctuary in western Pacific Ocean

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP)—Manta rays, with an average wing span of 22 feet (6.7 meters), are getting their first designated protected area in the western Pacific, around Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Yap Gov. Sebastian Anefal made the announcement at an oceanic conference Friday, saying waters around his state have been designated as a protected area for manta rays and their habitat.

Speaking at a U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting on the Big Island, Anefal said the Yap legislature passed a law protecting the habitat out to 12 miles (19.3 kilometers) offshore, an 8,243-square-mile (21,350-square kilometer) area, comprising 16 main islands and atolls and 145 islets.

"Man is not chief. The land and waters are chief," Anefal said. "We need to protect our waters to protect our way of life and ensure that resources are plentiful for our next generations."

He added: "Setting aside all the waters of Yap State to protect the manta ray and its habitat is the first step in this effort."

A sanctuary management plan will provide an ecological approach to protecting the habitat for manta rays and other marine species, including sharks, he said.

Anyone harming or killing manta rays or destroying their habitat would face a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

"This is a bold move to conserve thousands of miles (kilometers) of ocean for an iconic species that is vital to the ocean ecosystem," said Tim Keeney, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration co-chairman of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force. "Micronesian nations are leading the way in ensuring the long-term survival of their marine resources."

Yap is internationally known as one of the best dive destinations to have a "manta ray experience," Anefal said.

The giant sea creatures are filter feeders and can be found in tropical waters around the world.

They were hunted across the Pacific Ocean and Gulf of Mexico for their liver oil and skins, and are still hunted in Mexico and some western Pacific areas where their meat is considered a delicacy. Their numbers today are unknown.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 1, 1999

House approves $60M bond float

To deal with concerns of potential bond investors, the House of Representatives yesterday recalled from the governor and then amended a measure that will set into motion an ambitious government plan to loan up to $60 million for its infrastructure projects. Rep. Karl T. Reyes, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and proponent of the bill, said the change would allow the CNMI to issue bonds in one or more series rather than a one-shot deal that is likely to be more costly in the end.

Sen. Manglona facing corruption charges

An aide of former Tinian Mayor Herman Manglona has been charged at the federal court for allegedly trying to influence and intimidate a grand juror into voting against the indictment of the former municipal chief who is facing corruption charges. Charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office was James King Manglona, also known as Jose Hofschneider. According to FBI investigation, Hofschneider approached the grand juror last Aug. 25 and offered to "reward" her if she would vote "no" to the indictment of Manglona, who is now a senator representing Tinian.

Sept. 1, 2000

$3-M eyed for retro pay hike

The Senate will push for guaranteed funding of between $2 million to $3 million for payment of the long-overdue salary increase for government employees under the FY 2001 budget proposal, according to a key member. Sen. Edward U. Maratita, chair of the Fiscal Affairs Committee, expressed dismay that the House of Representatives failed to appropriate money to meet this obligation to about 2,000 former and current employees. The lower house last week approved the proposed spending package amounting to $221.66 million which will oil operations of departments and agencies beginning this October 1 until September 30, 2001.

CPA readies to roll back airport fees

The Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors will convene on Saturday to act on the request by CNMI signatory carriers to roll back existing passenger departure fees following projections by airline executives that passenger traffic will increase in the next two years. Citing a study carried out by CPA financial consultant Rex I. Palacios, acting Board Chair Roman Tudela mentioned the possibility of a rollback in passenger departure fees from $8 to $5.79 but added that the reduced fees may only be implemented until the end of September.

Sept. 1, 2003

14 okayed bills in limbo

The 14 bills that the Senate passed in last week's Thursday session remain in limbo as questions remain as to the legality of the session that was conducted by the four senators comprising the upper chamber's minority bloc. For the four senators, it's simple enough. They insist that the session was legal and the bills passed went through appropriate legislative channels and procedures. Therefore, they see no reason why Gov. Juan N. Babauta should not sign them into law.

Six undocumented Filipinos may be allowed to leave Saipan voluntarily

The six undocumented Filipinos-including a child-who entered Saipan after a monthlong voyage by boat from the Philippines may be allowed to leave the CNMI voluntarily, despite the deportation proceedings earlier leveled against them. The Attorney General's Office disclosed that it is willing to enter into an agreement with the Filipinos that they be simply excluded-not deported-should they voluntarily leave the Commonwealth before Thursday, September 4.

Sept. 1, 2005

Nabi's wrath spares NMI

Tropical storm Nabi intensified into a typhoon and slammed into the CNMI around noon yesterday with 105mph winds but preliminary reports indicate that Saipan escaped widespread destruction, besides some fallen trees, a few damaged homes, and an island-wide power blackout. At least 564 people took refuge at emergency shelters. Inter-island and international flights were cancelled, stranding hundreds of passengers. Weather forecasters expect Nabi to further intensify to near-supertyphoon-strength.

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Animo CNMI!

There's no surprise about the economic challenges we are facing. And it should not be a surprise that as much as we are experiencing, there's still some sacrificing ahead. These once prosperous islands have taken two or three blows to the stomach. We are now on one knee.

One can understand the prevailing mood and talk around the islands that ooze negativity, doom and gloom. It's not getting better fast enough. No one is ever satisfied, especially when we've had it better.

This type of talk that repeats over and over starts weighing down on everyone and adds to our inability to see the forest instead of the big trees we are lost in—so much so that even a slight gain or an incremental step toward improvement is met with, "So what! Look at all the other problems."

We instead want to look at things beyond the obvious. We want us to look at the long and proud history of what it means to be the Northern Marianas, one might say the most self-sufficient and successful of all of Micronesia to date.

Look at our history: The Micronesian people are warriors from a long line of survivors, people who are so much more in tune with the environment that environmentalist should take a lesson here.

We've been through hardships before: super-typhoons, power outages for weeks, water shortages… and guess what? We toughened up and survived! Unlike many other disaster-hit communities in other parts of the world, the people of the Marianas know how to bounce back with little help from the outside.

Now some may say that this hardship is different because it deals with our economy and our workforce. It's going to take everyone to change this. We're in this economic downturn together, and to keep livelihoods, families and businesses afloat, we need to change our mindset from LOSERS to SURVIVORS.

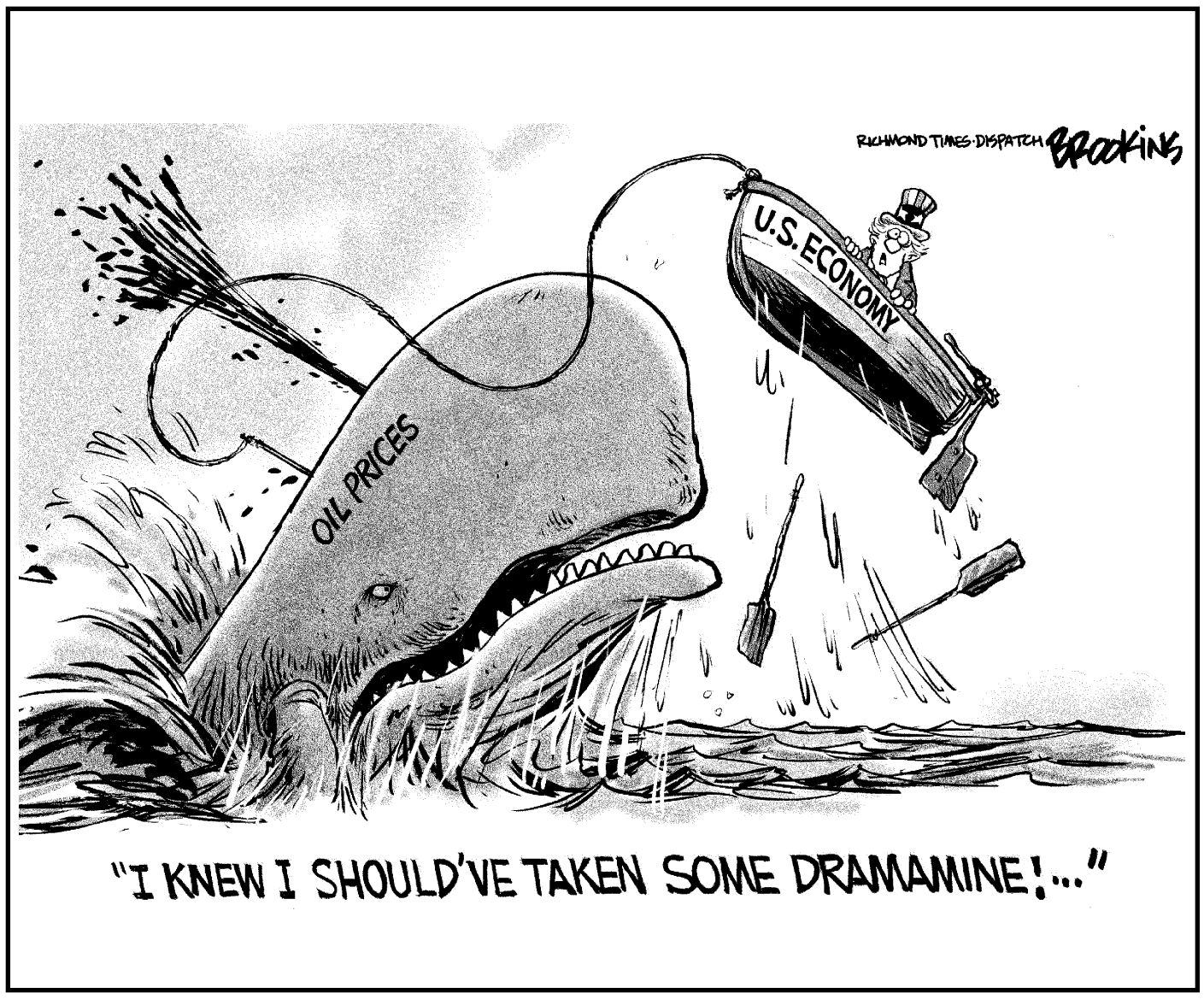
We recently read another chapter of Lino M. Olopai's book, *The Rope of Tradition* and it made us proud to be a part of Micronesia. No matter how hard we think life is today, these islands have had it worse. The people here have always relied on family, friends, and the local network to help out.

Let us not be like the crabs in the basket. As one starts to climb out, the others jump on its back and bring that crab back down. Let's change this outcome.

In Spanish, the word "Animo" means to encourage, to liven up, to cheer. This word has been used to motivate people to get to work. Animo means pull up your sleeves, wear comfortable clothes, get the tools out, and let's get to work!

To everyone in the CNMI, as hard as it is, let's give constructive criticism and encourage each other. For change to work, don't try to change the world around you. Instead, change yourself and the world around you will change.

Ghandi said, "*You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."* Let us not lose faith in the CNMI.



Why do we live here?

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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These are the times when we feel that the world is falling apart around us. Before we lash out and do something drastic, we should pause and re-examine why we live here. Once we do that, then we must fight for that reason against anyone who is trying to destroy it.

In spite of all the crazy things that are happening around us, I have to remind myself why I enjoy living in Saipan. Once my reasons are lost, it is almost impossible to rekindle them. We must remind ourselves about the why so we can keep our heads cool and weather the storms surrounding us.

This morning I want to recall why I am living in Saipan. In 1984, I discovered this land of enchantment, this land waiting to spring forth and become a budding flower of the Pacific Ocean. When I arrived in January, 1984, I marveled at Saipan's beauty with its acres of diamonds waiting to be mined. I turned my back on Hawaii, where I had been living, and moved to my new love.

Here I discovered people who are warm and friendly. I cannot walk 10 steps without someone smiling, nodding and saying, "Hello Tony." My biggest embarrassment is that many times after he or she passes, I scratch my head and wonder: "Where do I know that person from?" But I often tell people that I have seven holes in my head—two eyes, two ears, two nostrils, and a mouth—where everything flows out so I remember little.

Where else do people smile so often and acknowledge one another? This warm feeling that cannot be bought at any price in any other so-called more exciting places. We seem less hurried and less pushy. We understand the need for family, friends, and one another. Here we seem to feel compassion for each other more than I have felt in other places I have visited or lived in.

Another positive note in that in Saipan, I can involve myself or I can recluse myself as I choose. No one hassles me or demands of me if I do not wish to give. Life drifts by with little timetable, unlike what I experienced elsewhere before settling in Saipan.

I must remind myself that I and my fellow citizens must fight to keep it so. And one of the ways to accept the changes that affect us all. We must understand that change will save us. Running away will not make a change—only a strong will and a strong love for our islands can. That is why we must examine frequently the why we live in our islands.

Ask yourself why you live here—whether born or migrated here. Examine your feelings and reasons. If born here, are you happy or unhappy? If you moved here from somewhere else, why did you? What changes exist now that did not exist when you came? How are we adapting to these changes?

Change and improvement can come only after introspection. Let us understand that the islands themselves have not changed, but we have. The world around us has. Though we have the same trees, ocean and size and shape of land, we did make changes to our environment by cutting down trees to build buildings, by building roads and other amenities. We also made several negative changes such as daily pollution of our lagoon and our beaches. In addition, our political life, which should have changed, has not changed. This too is a major negative.

However we failed to notice the biggest change that took place. We did not change mentally. We still expect someone else to do our work. We still insist we have the right to entitlements without earning them. We want more free homesteads. We want high paying jobs without the skills needed to hold them. We demand more Federal money. Why should all these be? The prompt answer is: "We deserve them. We are entitled to them. This is our land." Wow! What a mentality.

Please read carefully the next few lines. Until, and only until, we look inward and accept that we deserve only what we earn, we will never change. We must accept that major changes have happened. Unfortunately some people in power refuse to accept them. As a result we all suffer. To not change is to become obsolete.

The CNMI today *is not* the CNMI of the Trust Territory days. The CNMI today *is not* the CNMI of March 24, 1976, when former President Ford signed the resolution approving the covenant that formed the political union between us and the United States. Remember that 78.8 percent of our voting population approved the covenant, U.S. citizenship and permanent union with the United States.

Most of our former leaders are no longer with us. The former leaders of the United States are no longer there either. They did their job. We owe them gratitude for the great job they did in charting the original course. It is we, the descendants, who must

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Opportunities in America's knowledge-based economy

By ELAINE L. CHAO

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America is transitioning to a knowledge-based economy. The good news is it plays to a distinct advantage of the American workforce compared to the rest of the world. And highly skilled jobs usually pay above-average wages.

Most of the job growth over the past six years occurred in occupations with above-average compensation. From 2001 to 2007, the number of jobs in high-paying occupations grew at a rate almost three times that of lower-paying occupations. In the next decade, nearly two-thirds of the estimated 15.6 million net new jobs created in the U.S. will be in occupations requiring some postsecondary education or substantial on-the-job training. This postsecondary education does not necessarily entail a bachelor's degree and could mean an apprenticeship, technical training, community college or beyond. The Department of Labor has a number of worker training and assistance programs, and more information on resources available for workers can be found at (877) USA-JOBS or online at www.dol.gov.

Access to postsecondary education and training is critical to remaining competitive in today's worldwide economy. America's policy makers recognize that much of our enduring economic strength is due to policies that respect free enterprise and trade. Exports are at record levels and have helped offset decline in some sectors. Our country must never shrink from international economic competition or retreat from free trade into isolationism.

America has a tremendous competitive advantage in our workforce, which, according to the United Nations International Labour Organization, leads the world in productivity. U.S. productivity growth in this administration has exceeded the averages of each of the three previous decades. Increased productivity is the key to increased income, and per capita disposable income is now 14 percent higher in real terms than in January 2001.

America's economy and dynamic workforce remain the envy of the world, so much so that many European nations are seeking to become more like America, where the work ethic has always been strong and revered. In France and Germany, where the rate of long-term unemployment is four times higher than in the United States, there is a growing understanding that in order to prosper, government policies that deter hiring must give way to greater economic freedom and pro-growth initiatives.

America is the leader in the worldwide economy. Our country will stay on top by emphasizing freedom and innovation over the European model that penalizes enterprise and stifles economic growth. America's economic prowess is due to the drive and ingenuity of American workers.

Taotao tano, Taotao tasi. Refaluwasch, Remetau.

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It is Labor Day. Barack Obama in his acceptance speech at the Democratic Party National Convention in Denver promised *inter alia* to create "an economy that honors the dignity of work." To that economy, he added, "Now is the time to finally meet our moral obligation to provide every child a world-class education, because it will take nothing less to compete in the global economy."

Two sets of workers were on my eyesight this week. Medical care providers were looking at my retina, and after I got all the services I needed, I chatted with the staff about how they were going to spend Labor Day. "The workers of the world are urged to consciously celebrate the processes, products, projects and personnel of the workforce," the ex-workforce development trainer in me pedantically said.

"Not in the CNMI," I was told. "We are working Monday."

The other set of workers are my fellow teachers. Many have been frantically preparing their classrooms and materials for the opening of the school year, (toners for my printer had already cost me a hefty and non-refundable $70+) with a few still smarting from the drastic reduction of pay that hit non-passers of the PRAXIS exams which PSS uses to determine weather one is a Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT).

This Thursday, in between the two-day Professional Development sessions, the Association of Commonwealth Teachers (ACT) general membership meeting at 7pm in San Vicente School will include a presentation of findings by some teachers this summer about the correlation between HQT and being a highly effective teacher (HET). Information will also be shared on PSS' use of the PRAXIS to avert threats on possible funding cutoffs had "compliance" been deferred.

This article begins a series of daily articles this week. I begin where we are, with *Taotao tano,* "people of the land," often used to describe the local indigenous culture. As noted in the Chamorro-Carolinian Heritage, Language and Culture curriculum in the public schools, there is a deep cleavage between the two main parts of Chamolinia that is more than just the difference in orthography.

Taotao tasi, the people of the waters is the complement of the people of the land, more pronounced in Line Islands-originating residents where *Refaluwasch* designates the people of the highlands and the *Remetau* are the people of the lagoon or the shores.

In ancient Greece, the Mycenaeans were essentially inland people from Peloponnesus whose disciplined, defensive and warlike practices would later be appropriated and made famous by the Spartans. In contrast, the Minoans in the Aegean Sea were sea-faring people whose urban centers were receptive of the open seas, and whose traditions of commerce and trade were the currency of inter-settlement exchanges rather than the threat of force and other coercive measures. Athens would exemplify a diversity that would be a contrast to the homogeneity favored by Sparta.

The arts, philosophy, and governance of Athens would permeate the cultures of the world particularly those influenced by Alexander the Great. *Pax Romana* will create both the Roman Empire and the Roman Catholic Church, and the dichotomy will become Tolstoi's title in one of his masterpieces, *War and Peace*. It also defines the workings of the U.S. government in the Department of Defense and the Department of State.

The archetypes are not foreign to many cultures. The impact of the environment on the way people live (culture) is discernable in the contrasts often made between the Ilocanos of Northern Luzon and the Cebuanos of the Visayan Seas in the Philippines.

Ilocanos live through a five-month pronounced dry season followed by a drenching five-month monsoon season, leaving two months of fair weather in a land that has inhospitable terrain and unfriendly climate. The food set on the table is at the mercy of the land and clime. Subjugating the land and preparing for inclement weather becomes the requisite survival skill.

In contrast, the Cebuano is blessed with a pleasant year-round climate and an abundantly supplied inland sea. The Cebuano is thus depicted as nonchalant about daily life; perennial fruit trees abound and a casting of a net on the shore can easily provide daily sustenance to one's dining table. The people are fanciful and imaginative, given to polishing their ways in leisure time and merry-making with elaborate songs and dances at fiestas and communal celebrations. Thus, we hear of the stereo-typed *Bisaya* entertainer.

Any case of imposing solid dichotomies on any culture, of course, suffers from the fact that exceptions are often more prominent than the rule. To strictly contrast *taotao tanos* and *remetaus* would invite fierce contradictions. Yet, in the land ownership pattern in Saipan, the *taotao tanos* as farmers favored the inland plots while the *refaluwasch/remetau* settled on the lagoon shores, the latter looking not so much in fructifying the land as they were in navigating the superhighway of the trench, the *metawaal wool.*

The inland folks developed the structures of the safe harbor, and favored the comfort of a battened-down home before the incoming storm. The seafarers either avoided the lashing of the monsoons, or learned to ride the swiftness of the winds. One trait found the life of safety and certitude, ease and comfort a goal worth pursuing; another saw adventure and the mystery of the unknown a lifestyle that guided one's striving. The people of the land tended to go for either/or propositions, and admired firm and definite positions; the sailors of the seas developed patterns of flexibility informed by intuition, and avoided conflict and confrontation.

The aforementioned medical clinic personnel were mostly contract workers, unorganized as a workforce and at the mercy of employers. We have shut down unions as an organizing format for our labor force. We shunned conflict and confrontation in the garment and visitors' industries, as well as in the ranks of professional groups. Even teachers can't see beyond their fears into a collective force.

The governor has yet to appoint a teachers' representative to the Board of Education. Teachers as a captive labor force are at the mercy of a two-year contract cycle that does not allow for stability, hardly fosters loyalty, and inhibits ownership of the system and participation in operational processes. The low regard given to teachers as professionals on the one hand, and as contracted labor on the other, is dismal, to say the least. We are resigned to a high attrition rate in the annual turnover of teachers and personnel.

How do we appropriate the gifts and the limits of the shared indigenous traditions of the *Taotao tano* and the *Taotao tasi*, the *Refaluwasch* and the *Remetau*, be conscious of them first, then vigorously appropriating and promoting their relevant insights, and curtailing their excesses? Clearly, this is not simply a matter of choosing one over another. This article will be followed by Economics 101 (island sustenance as if people and the environment mattered), PoliSci for beginners (how to fan the fire under Tina and Ed's seats without being accused of propping them up for more high profile offices), and CS 1 (Guess who is coming to dinner, II), culminating in an Idiot's Guide to Humanities (a global tour d'force).

Then, I promise to get back to my 6th grade Social Studies classroom.

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chart the new directions demanded by inevitable change. Now we must do our job.

Our love for our islands must not flicker. We created the mess we are in and we must clean it up. Let us temper our anger and frustration with creative action. Let us no longer tolerate the abuses and the corruption heaped upon us. Let us educate ourselves to what we want. Let us be the true owners of our islands. Anger will not solve any problems. But determination and corrective action will.

Daily we must flow with change. And this change starts with us. Once we know what we want, allow nothing to deter us from achieving it. Demand that our leaders truly lead. Demand that we take back the businesses we have so foolishly given away. Change begins within us.

Realize that federalization will create great opportunities for all of us. A new horizon is before us. It is a major change. But with change comes fear. When we conquer our fear we will embrace the changes and learn how to work within their framework. If not, we will become obsolete.

Guam has been under stricter U.S. regulations for a longer time than we have and look at how prosperous it has become. Today Guam is accepting a soon-to-be major change and making preparations to accept it. We can enjoy the same benefits if we understand how to obtain them. The changes being made will restore us to our dignity. All that change is saying: "There is a better way to enjoying life." We must not live in the past as some people who have become fossils themselves would have us do.

As mentioned at the beginning, examine why do each of us live here? Let's examine them and affirm them strongly. If the reasons are meaningful, let's fight to accept the necessary changes. We must be intelligent, industrious, and willing to accept any change. Today is the gateway to a glorious tomorrow. Come! Let us roll up our sleeves and begin. Put your fears aside. Let's us walk towards a better tomorrow together!

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms and isolated showers in the afternoon. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲88° ▼76°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲85° ▼76°

WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲85° ▼76°

THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°

FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°

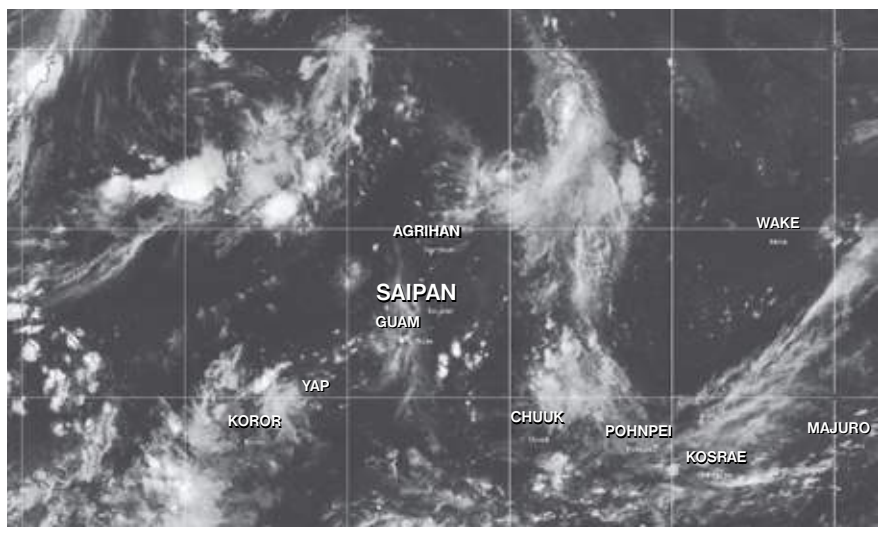
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼73
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	▲89	▼76
Majuro	Cloudy	▲86	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Sunny	▲60	▼44
Beijing	Sunny	▲89	▼65
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	▲90	▼78
Honolulu	Showers	▲83	▼76
London	Showers	▲68	▼57
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲78	▼62
Manila	Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲58	▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼78
New York	Sunny	▲87	▼68
Osaka	Showers	▲85	▼74
Paris	Cloudy	▲72	▼57
Pusan	Mostly Cloudy	▲81	▼73
Rome	Cloudy	▲83	▼62
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼47
San Francisco	Sunny	▲78	▼55
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲78	▼69
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲83	▼74
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲87	▼66

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence associated with a broad surface low located near 27N133E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well northwest of the Marianas within 150 miles of a line extending northeastward from 21N132E to 25N139E. Another area of low-level convergence associated with a second surface low centered near 31N151E is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Minami Tori Shima between 22N and 25N from 151E to 157E. A surface trough extends northeastward from EQ132E to 10N140E. Convergence near and to the east of the trough is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Koror and Yap or within 150 miles of a line extending northeastward from eq132E to 10N138E. Another surface trough arcs northward from 7N155E to 12N155E. Convergence associated with this feature is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms well northeast of Chuuk between 10N and 14N from 153E to 156E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers near Pohnpei and kosrae between 3N and 6N from 159E to 163E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
2:35AM Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
8:07AM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
2:49PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
8:57PM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05AM	6:29 PM
Tuesday	6:05AM	6:29 PM
Wednesday	6:05AM	6:28 PM
Thursday	6:05AM	6:27 PM
Friday	6:05AM	6:26 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:01AM	7:20PM
Tuesday	7:52AM	7:57PM
Wednesday	8:43AM	8:35PM
Thursday	9:34AM	9:14PM
Friday	10:25AM	9:56PM

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DEPARTURES

Saipan-Rota

CO 9313	8:30am	9:05am	3,4,7

Saipan-Guam

CO9317	4:00am	4:50am	Daily
CO9597	8:30am	9:20am	1,2,5,6
CO9313	8:30am	10:00am	3,4,7 via Rota
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	Daily
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

Saipan-Narita

NW 099	5:00am	7:30am	Daily
NW 078	8:55am	2:00pm	Daily
NW 075	4:55pm	7:25pm	Daily

Saipan-Osaka

NW 083	4:20pm	6:55pm	Daily

Saipan-Nagoya

NW 078	8:55am	11:35am	Daily

Saipan-Seoul

OZ 604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ 604	2:50am	6:30am	2,3,4,5,6,7
OZ 606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2,4,6,7

Saipan-Busan

OZ 608	3:50am	7:20am	1,5

Guam-Manila

CO 891	6:00am	10:30am	3 via Yap and Koror
CO 893	5:50pm	9:10pm	5 via Koror
CO 933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR 111	6:00am	7:45am	1,2,4,6,7

Saipan-Guanzhou

CZ 3008	5:00am	8:00am	2,6

Guam-Rota

CO 9598	10:15am	10:45am	1,2,6

ARRIVALS

Rota-Saipan

CO 9598	11:10am	11:45am	1,2,6

Guam-Saipan

CO 9316	2:30am	3:20am	Daily
CO9596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
CO9598	10:15am	11:45am	1,2,6 via Rota
CO9600	10:45am	11:35am	3,4,5,7
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	Daily
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

Narita-Saipan

NW 076	10:15am	2:50pm	Daily
NW 077	6:25pm	1:30am+1	Daily
NW 100	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

Osaka-Saipan

NW 084	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

Nagoya-Saipan

NW 077	9:00pm	1:30am+1	Daily

Seoul-Saipan

OZ 605	9:00am	2:30pm	2,4,6,7
OZ 603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ 603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1,2,3,4,5,6

Busan-Saipan

OZ 607	9:30pm	2:50am+1	4,7

Manila-Guam

CO 892	11:45am	8:25pm+1	3 via Koror and Yap
CO 892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	5 via Koror
CO 934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR 110	10:20pm	4:00am+1	1,3,5,6,7

Guanzhou-Saipan

CZ 3007	8:00pm	4:00am+1	1,5

Rota-Guam

CO 9313	9:30am	10:00am	3,4,7

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

Letters to the Editor

Voting intelligently

The CNMI is undergoing a maturation process. Over the past 40 years, the residents of the CNMI have evolved from fishermen, farmers, and storekeepers to government workers, lawyers, and politicians. This has resulted in the development within our midst of a group of voters, I don't know how large, who are advocating that in upcoming elections, voting should be done on the basis of thought, rather than family ties or partisan politics. In other words, these radicals are proposing that voters look at candidates and vote not based on whether the candidate is my relative or is a Democrat, Republican, or Covenant.. They advocate that intelligent voters should, based on research, select the candidate that has the qualifications to do the job for which they are aspiring. I welcome this development as a step towards true democracy. What this group fails to tell us is, "How is intelligent voting to be accomplished?"

From my perspective as a long-time observer and participant in this CNMI maturation process, let me try to define what intelligent voting might entail. In the process of this decision-making, perhaps a quote from world historian, Thomas Sowell, might serve to guide us. Sowell says, "The big divide in this country is not between Democrats and Republicans or women and men, but between the talkers and the doers." Thus, voters must decide which candidate is the doer and which is the talker. Of course, the voter must also take into consideration what it is the "doer" says he will do? However, all experienced voters know that, in most cases, while the candidates use different words, they all promise what they think the voters want to hear. The challenge for the voter is, does this candidate really mean it and does he/she have the capability to do it?

How should intelligent voters make this decision? Because I am an Internet "addict" I have been using this method to determine what the candidates are saying. Like every other voter, I read the stickers on car bumpers to get an idea of which candidates are really working at it. Of course I read the newspapers.

For those voters with internet access who are researching candidates for the next CNMI House of Representatives election, I applaud and recommend the website established by freshman congressman, Joseph Norita Camacho, www.camachocnmi.com. At this website, with no partisan politics spin, one can find out exactly which congressperson voted for which piece of legislation. This is "reality transparency." For some reason, the CNMI Senate has chosen to remain obscure in this matter and has no website,. Maybe they have plenty of secrets, huh? Articles in the newspapers submitted by those concerned with local politics, are always of interest, but sometimes difficult to understand. I always find myself questioning the motive behind the article. My motive for this letter is education and hopefully clarification. Once a teacher, always a teacher

I am not privy to many stories/gossip about the candidates because I belong to no clan/family. I'm sure if I were privy, these would affect my selection of a candidate. However, one of the nice things about living on a small island is that one can get to know, on a personal basis, each candidate. A personal handshake and conversation with the candidate will give the voter some insight in to his/her real persona, but one must remember, especially first-time voters, that sometimes a person may not be altogether truthful when running for office.

This still leaves us with determining which candidate is a "doer?" How does a voter decide? One simply examines what the candidate has done. Just like any other employer, voters should vote for the candidate that has experience showing that the job he is applying for is one in which he or she has shown the capacity to fulfill. Promises to do a job, don't cut the mustard. Any smart employer knows this.

A personal note that voters might keep in mind, I received a Bachelors of Education degree which verified that I was a teacher, but it took years of in-classroom experience before I became a competent practitioner. Being a degree-holder helps, but experience is the real teacher.

For those of you who are interested in world history that is not just names, dates, and places, you might want to read Tomas Sowell's stuff. Currently, I have on my bookshelf several of his books which I obtained from amazon.com. The titles are: *Conquests and Cultures; Race and Culture; Migrations and Culture; and Knowledge and Decisions.*

Fellow voters, remember voting is like gambling and one always should get the best possible odds before placing your bet.

Roger N. Ludwick
Sadog Tasi

Tinian is in dire need of an audit

The FY 2009 Tinian Municipal Budget is supposed to be adopted before the end of this month. The chances of that happening, properly, are somewhere between slim and none, and slim done went to Alaska.

This mayor has never requested or received a proper budget since taking office. In 2006, following the governor's lead, Mayor San Nicolas declared a state of emergency for Tinian, which didn't really exist. The Tinian delegation, lead then by the mayor's son, followed the lead set by then president of the CNMI Senate Joseph Mendiola and granted the Mayor of Tinian complete reprogramming authority. Then, following in the footsteps of the Commonwealth Legislature they incorporated a "continuation" clause in the Municipal budget law to ensure they would never have to pass a real budget. Then the mayor took his family and supporters to Manila to celebrate and forgot all about the real people of Tinian.

The Tinian Municipal Council, which was originally designed to act as a check and balance on the Mayor, has never done anything except kneel before the throne and carry the mayor's bags.

To date the Mayor has not been able to account for the over $10 million he has spent. Neither the Tinian Legislative Delegation nor the Tinian Municipal Council will demand an audit because it would be self-incriminating.

With no Tinian elected official willing to request an audit of the Tinian Municipal Fund, we can only depend on the chairperson of the Senate or House committee on governmental investigation to request an audit for us.

If none of them will do, then we must hope that the FBI will step in. They have had sufficient reason ever since the mayor was caught on television selling federally funded CUC parts to a scrap metal dealer, then supposedly depositing the money in the Tinian Municipal Fund. That issue was reportedly sent to the Attorney General's Office for review, but we have heard nothing of it.

Tinian should be thriving community, contributing the CNMI community, were it not for the majority tyranny that now shrouds the island. We need an audit now, not 16 months from now.

Don A. Farrell
Marpo Heights, Tinian

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(MONDAY-SUNDAY)
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US Pork Adobo $1.79/lb.
US Pork Feet 20# $1.29/lb.
US Porkchop Endcut Family Pack $1.79/lb.
Beef Finger Meat $2.69/lb.
Bar-S Hotdog 1# 16 oz. $1.15/lb.
Stewing Chicken $1.19/lb.
Chicken Wingettes #5 Bag $9.99/pk.
Turkey Drumstick 99¢/lb.
Tilapia $1.25/lb.
US Scallop $9.50/lb.
Dragon Shrimp 1# 26/30 $4.39/lb.
GROCERY
Sapporo Ichiban Case $7.99/cs.
Gold Medal Flour 5 lb. $2.39/ea.
Filma Cooking Oil 1 Gal. $7.99/ea.
Tabasco 2 oz. $1.29/ea.
Sky Flakes 850 g. $4.09/ea.
Mezzetta Chili Peeper 16 oz. $1.99/ea.
Teptip Coconut Oil 13.5 oz. 70¢/ea.
Heinz Cider Vinegal 1 Gal. $6.19/ea.
Capri Sun Cooler 10 ct. $2.99/box
Nestea Mix with Sugar 81.2 oz. $8.19/ea.
LouAna Peanut Oil 1 Gal. $15.09/ea.
Carnation Coffeemate 16 oz. $1.90/ea.
JAPAN FOOD
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S&B Wasabi Powder 200 g. $5.59/ea.
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Pampers Wipes 160 ct. $6.25/ea.
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Letters to the Editor

A man who gets the job done

In the CNMI education is always said to be an issue of genuine concern to our government. Yet year after year the fiscal budget for our school system continually dwindles down the drain. While schools attempt to make do with the funds they are appropriated, they are also left with the task of innovating ways to compensate their drastically slashed budgets. It is left to the schools to practically beg their students, whose families are also coping with stagnant wages and the skyrocketing price inflation of goods, for such basic fundamentals as toilet tissue!

Nine candidates currently stand before the CNMI claiming that they will be the cause of long lasting change in the Commonwealth. I am sure that among these nine candidates, the majority are familiar to the public, because most of these nine people have served in some capacity in our government. I am therefore equally sure that most people are familiar with just how these prominent politicians have impacted the CNMI.

For years the same people have been elected to serve our government, and for years these same people have reaped the same old results for the Commonwealth. It's time we consider a new path for our islands by considering those among the nine candidates who are not endowed with household names. Given what we've gotten in the past, electing a fresh figure to serve the Commonwealth is a risk worth taking. In the pit hole we're presently buried, what else have we got to lose? It's time for change, CNMI.

Most of you have probably heard the popular phrase: "Today's generation is tomorrow's future." This suggests a good place to start changing things: today's generation. I am personally acquainted with one of the nine candidates battling to represent our islands, Marianas High School's AP Government and Politics and AP Language Arts instructor, John H. Davis Jr.—a man who has already begun to generate change.

John H. Davis Jr.'s AP Government class represented the CNMI in the We, The People mock congressional hearing contest this past May. The competition was held in our nation's capital, Washington, D.C., and I was fortunate to have been part of the class. Along with the rest of my classmates, I found the experience exceptionally worthwhile. However, before actually going on the trip, we encountered and had to overcome a fair share of obstacles: several people initially did not want to participate; when the majority of the class voted to compete, the class, as a whole, rarely attended the practice sessions; and even as the competitions neared, many in the class were nowhere near as competent in their specific areas of constitutional study as they needed to be successful in the regional and national competitions. Mr. Davis succeeded in the challenging task of motivating the class to work as a team. He pushed us to succeed, ensuring that we went on the trip and that we got the job done well.

In 2002, 2003, and 2004 Mr. Davis taught middle school students at the Northern Marianas College Lab School. In each of these three years, our class went on educational field trips to Cairns, Australia. In each of these years it was Mr. Davis's *students* who raised a notable amount of money to go on these trips. In each of these years it was his *students* who hosted dinner buffets, solicited for contributions, put up a student store, and organized yard sales to raise enough money for plane tickets, hotel accommodations, and tour packages.

Having been part of the groups that traveled to Australia in 2003 and 2004, I witnessed firsthand how Mr. Davis encouraged his students to take on virtually full responsibility for fundraising for the trips. That he was able to motivate 12-, 13-, and 14-year-old students for three consecutive years is a feat both impressive and admirable.

These accounts of travel by students stress what boundless commitment can achieve in the long run. *None* of these accomplishments would have been possible if it weren't for the perseverance of John H. Davis Jr., Candidate for CNMI Congressional Delegate. It was *John H. Davis Jr.* who was responsible for educating and guiding the middle and high school students that successfully made it to Australia and Washington, D.C.

The delegate we elect to represent us *must* be someone who can persuade others to understand our positions and needs. Since he won't be able to vote, the change he generates will depend entirely on how well he can convince the voting members of Congress to pass resolutions that will benefit the CNMI. It is not an easy task to motivate large groups of people, but Mr. Davis has proven himself capable of doing so.

This November I will not be physically present in the CNMI. Regardless, I *will* exercise my right to vote.

Four years ago, I doubted whether I would have cared much about the state of the CNMI today. Four years ago I figured, "Since I'm going to be thousands of miles away from Saipan, I won't need to vote here. I'll just vote in the U.S." But Mr. Davis made me understand that if I know anything about politics, I know about politics in the CNMI. Why should I cast my vote somewhere else? It would only make sense for me to vote for the betterment of my home.

John H. Davis Jr. has demonstrated, and continues to demonstrate, that he regards helping today's generation being tomorrow's future of utmost importance. He has demonstrated, and continues to demonstrate, that he is genuinely concerned about generating positive and effective change. More importantly, he has demonstrated, and continues to demonstrate, that he has the CNMI's best interests at heart.

So come this November, if you hope to see a better CNMI in the next two years, then you might want to consider voting new people into office. That's the only way anything is going to change.

For more information on John H. Davis Jr., please visit http://davisforcongress.blogspot.com.

Agnes Constante
Los Angeles, CA

Tidy up Saipan's tourist spots

We just returned from another vacation to Saipan. Over the past years we have watched Saipan tourism go to the dogs. Despite everyone complaining about the slump and some excitedly discussing the new breed of Russian tourists, we see very little new efforts to make Spain more attractive to tourists.

We noted some areas that really could be improved at low costs that could be recovered by tourist dollars:

1. Round up the half dead dogs at the tourist spots such as Suicide Cliff and Garapan so tourists aren't afraid and don't have to dodge the doo doo;

2. Pick up the road kill that stinks for weeks on end and breeds the flies that are increasing;

3. Put up some lights and an improved sidewalk from Garapan along Beach Road.

4. Clean the red light shops out of Garapan so the touring families don't get so harassed and embarrassed; and

5. Clean up Garapan's empty lots and abandon homes so tourists feel free to walk around more and find gems like 747 or the 99 Cent Store.

Seems like there are plenty of good people who could volunteer to help with this, especially shop and restaurant owners and staff. Even though we live in Japan, we want to see more tourists in Saipan so it doesn't lose more shops and restaurants. But, we were happy to see the guards at the various tourist spot parking lots. A big thanks to those who arranged that.

Eben Adolph
Tajimi, Japan

Thar she blows

No this letter is not about the catastrophic demise of CUC's Lower Base generators. This is about a different catastrophe. Last year I had the great fortune to see from my second story house on the hill in As Matuis, two whales just outside the reef off of Paupau Beach. The whales were too far away to identify and did not stay long but I will remember the sight for a very long time. Seeing whales in the seas around the CNMI is unusual. But it has not always been that way. Prior to the mid 1800s sperm whales in the hundreds or thousands populated this area. Then came the commercial whalers. The CNMI became a stopover for replenishing ships' water, firewood, and other necessary provisions. For 20-30 years there were 30 or more whaling ships a year stopping in the Marianas. Now those whalers are long gone. They killed all the whales. Now they want all your fish, or rather they want what was left over from the Japanese and Russian trawlers that plundered the CNMI fisheries in the 1950s and '60s.

Now is the time to start protecting the CNMI fisheries. The proposed National Marine Monument is a good start. When is the last time you went up to the northern islands and brought home a boat load offish for your family? Never? So why let a commercial fishing factory clean out whatever fish are left in the northern islands?

A recent letter (*Tribune* 8/29/08) from WESPAC's unofficial lobbyist cries "Betrayal." Hardly, he is correct in that neither the PEW (which is the founders name and not an acronym for something) Foundation nor the local supporters will proceed with the proposed marine monument against the will of the people. What he does not say is that over 60 percent of the letters submitted to the media in opposition to the monument proposal have been submitted by the lobbyist himself or other WESPAC officials. In addition, he is correct that other letters (the other 30 percent or so) have been submitted by government officials against the proposed monument. What is not stated is that none of those government officials held any public forums to hear the public's opinions. They did not ask me...did they ask you? They decided what is bad for us. They decided that our opinions and our children's future do not matter. Remember that the next election. So if one looks at the whole picture and discards WESPAC and select government opposition, there is no real controversy to the monument. Most people I have talked to are in favor of protecting the northern islands from exploitation. The others just want more info before saying yea or nay.

The choice for or against a marine monument should be left up to the people of the CNMI. It should not come by executive decree from the governor. It should not be the result of misinformation and rhetoric from WESPAC's unofficial lobbyist. The choice should be the result of careful thought and concern for the future of the Chamorro people and their children. I think we should name our monument, "The Chamorro Nation's National Marine Monument" (or for short, CNNMM, or ChamMon or some other appropriate acronym). Then the Chamorro people, their culture, their history, and their priceless gift to the world will never be forgotten.

Brad Doerr
San Roque

A thankful SHEFA scholar

Dear Mayor Tudela:

I am one of your CNMI scholars and I would just like to express my gratitude for your support for my education. I am one of the graduates of NMC's class of 2008 and I am a Registered Nurse. I would not be where I am today without all of your help. Thank you very much and God bless.

Clifford I. Cuengco, RN
Via e-mail

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents
Board of Regents Conference room, NMC - Saipan Campus
Thursday, September 04, 2008
3:00pm

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  a. Roll Call
  b. Review & Adoption of Agenda
  c. Review & Adoption of Minutes
    i. July 18, 2008 – Regular Meeting
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
  a. BOR Standing Committees
  b. President
  c. Associated Students of NMC
  d. Faculty Senate
  e. Staff Senate
  f. CFAO Financial Report
IV. OLD BUSINESS
  a. WASC Accreditation Update
  b. BOR Program Review/Assessment
V. NEW BUSINESS
  a. Strategic PROA 2008- 2012
  b. KRNM Radio Station
VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VII. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Regent Charles V. Cepeda September 04, 2008
Chairperson, BOR

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CPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Captain George F. Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda, for the above-referenced meeting:

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
  1. Organizational Matters
  2. Airport Bond Indenture

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

Lee C. Cabrera **August 29, 2008**
Acting Executive Director

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FOR AUGUST 28, 29, 2008 & SEPTEMBER 04, 05, 11, & 12, 2008

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DC 08-701	Arsenal, Maria Luisa Dls.	Advance Group LLC	August 29, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-583	Guirit, Estrella L.	Aldan, Redie	September 4, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-723	Akimaru, Hiroki	Aqua Soul Saipan Inc.	August 28, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-579	Asuelo, Marlene Q.	Asiatico, Danilo E.	September 11, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-580	Feria, Lorito D.	Asiatico, Danilo E.	September 11, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-511	Cisnero, Lorna M.	Baltazar, Luisito	September 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-476	Bao, Xiao Ming	Blue Sky Corporation	August 28, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-638	Sundiam, Pee Jay L.	Boo II Corporation	September 4, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-566	Noble, Joefry F.	Calvo, Julian S.	August 28, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-618	Reyes, Arlina R.	Calvo, Julian S.	August 28, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-595	Pangilanan, Federico II P.	Castro, Alexander	September 5, 2008	10:00 a.m.
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DC 08-519	Zhang, Yong	Cui Rong Corporation	August 29, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-465	Dizon, Leonora M.	D L Corporation	August 28, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-560	Luo, Xiaomin	Dai Development Corporation	August 29, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-585	Traspice, Lerma B.	Demapan, Ignacia T.	September 11, 2008	1:00 p.m.
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DC 08-551	Martinez, Vhilma S.	Elidchedong, James R.	August 29, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-544	Wang, Hui Ying	Everbright Company Ltd.	August 29, 2008	1:00 p.m
DC 08-545	Xu, Xinbao	Everbright Company Ltd.	August 29, 2008	1:00 p.m.
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DC 08-581	Novillas, Ernesto Jr. L.	Graphics Inc.	August 28, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-714	Chen, Dongshun	Great Sunshine Corporation	September 12, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-715	Guo, Jinling	Great Sunshine Corporation	September 12, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-590	Hu, Xingfen	Great Wall Corporation	September 11, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-663	Racsa, Rusalein A.	Hart, William	August 28, 2008	9:00 a.m.
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DC 08-246	Gementiza, Emilio R.	L & R Investment Corporation	August 28, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-226B	Zhang, Chunli	Liberty Corporation	August 28, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-599	Par, Azucena G.	Litulumar, Estaneslao	September 5, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-540	Huang, Xuanren	Luo's Corporation	August 29, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-520	Zhao, Yuanrong	Man Bao Corporation	August 29, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-537	Hernandez, Bonifacio	Marianas Environment & Dev. Inc.	September 4, 2008	3:00 p.m.
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DC 08-552	Agno, Rogelio B.	Misamis Construction Spn. Ltd.	August 29, 2008	2:00 p.m.
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DC 08-513	Oh, Joon Hwan	Provenance Incorporated	August 28, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-598	Han, Hong Zhen	Q J Company Ltd.	September 5, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-500	Tarriela, Lorna G.	R & S Enterprises, Inc.	September 4, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-501	Castillo, Carmelita B.	R & S Enterprises, Inc.	September 4, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-708	Yabut, Marlyn R.	Rabauliman, Bernadita R.	September 12, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-167	Yan, Chengyi	Rigel Corporation	September 4, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-591	Jiang, Changcheng	Royal Supplies Inc.	September 5, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-113	De La Torre, Romeo H.	Saipan Education Center Inc.	September 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
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DC 08-765	Lu, Chao	Se Hoon Corporation	September 12, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-487	Medino, Connie V.	Se Young Corporation	August 29, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-462	Shan, Rongmei	Seman, Enrique K.	August 28, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-463	Dabu, Liezle B.	Seman, Enrique K.	August 28, 2008	11:00 a.m.
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DC 08-582	Carandang, Angeles M.	South Pac Galaxy Corporation	September 4, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-702	Kim, Kyoungmyoung	St. Marks Inc.	September 4, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-610	Chan, Juanito M.	Star Corporation	September 5, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-555	Sun, Chunxiang	Sun Wen Corporation	August 29, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-412	Feria, Dicky B.	Taimanao, Nemia F.	September 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
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DC 08-622	Kim, Soon Hwa	Woong & Rok Inc.	September 5, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-539	Caguiat, Anicia V.	Y.K. Corporation	August 29, 2008	11:00 a.m.
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DC 08-794	Deng, Jin Yan	Yantze Corporation	September 12, 2008	3:00 p.m.
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DC 08-623	Wang, Xingjuan	Peace Asia Pacific Corporation	September 5, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-726	Piao, Jizhu	Piao, Ying Ji	September 18, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-745	Garces, Reimell Anne G.	Puyat, Joel H.	September 19, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-598	Han, Hong Zhen	Q J Company Ltd.	September 5, 2008	11:00 a.m.
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DC 08-500	Tarriela, Lorna G.	R & S Enterprises, Inc.	September 4, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-501	Castillo, Carmelita B.	R & S Enterprises, Inc.	September 4, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-708	Yabut, Marlyn R.	Rabauliman, Bernadita R.	September 12, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-720	Baysa, Benietirso C.	RDA Enterprises Inc.	September 18, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-167	Yan, Chengyi	Rigel Corporation	September 4, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-732	Wu, Tingfa Fa	Rong Hua Co., Ltd.	September 18, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-744	Jin, Yuhua	Roy Corporation	September 19, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-591	Jiang, Changcheng	Royal Supplies Inc.	September 5, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 08-748	Santos, Norman C.	Saint Trading Co. Inc.	September 19, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-113	De La Torre, Romeo H.	Saipan Education Center Inc.	September 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
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DC 08-765	Lu, Chao	Se Hoon Corporation	September 12, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-731	Besid, Donato E.	Sea Lovers Marianas, Inc.	September 18, 2008	2:00 p.m.
DC 08-712	Huang, Yuji	Sin Hwa Corporation	September 12, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 08-582	Carandang, Angeles M.	South Pac Galaxy Corporation	September 4, 2008	11:00 a.m.
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DC 08-610	Chan, Juanito M.	Star Corporation	September 5, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-412	Feria, Dicky B.	Taimanao, Nemia F.	September 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-727	Berdan, Ruben C.	Tenorio, Manuel A.	September 18, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-728	Fullente, Roberto P.	Tenorio, Manuel A.	September 18, 2008	1:00 p.m.
DC 08-637	Llanes, Veronica L.	Vienna Corporation	September 4, 2008	2:00 p.m
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DC 08-594	Zheng, Guozhen	Y.Z.L. Corporation	September 5, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-792	Zhen, Guozhang	Yantze Corporation	September 12, 2008	3:00 p.m.
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DC 08-794	Deng, Jin Yan	Yantze Corporation	September 12, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-795	Che, Yushan	Yantze Corporation	September 12, 2008	3:00 p.m.
DC 08-738	Zhou, Xinhua	Yong Fu Corporation	September 19, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 08-713	Chen, Chunfei	Z.Y. Li Corporation	September 12, 2008	10:00 a.m.

Business

Bush says economy on the upswing

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush said Saturday that Americans may have cause this Labor Day weekend to start worrying less about the nation's—and their families'—economic health.

"There have been some recent signs that our economy is beginning to improve," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

Among the positive signs that Bush referenced was a report Thursday that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, rose by 3.3 percent in the April-June quarter. This surprised analysts and was a significant rebound from growth of just 0.9 percent in the first quarter of the year. Most credit was given to the $93 billion in economic stimulus payments the federal government has sent to households since May.

Bush

However, other economic news this week showed that right after that second quarter, in July, consumer spending slowed to a crawl and personal incomes plunged.

With few stimulus payments still to go out, some economists worry consumer spending will continue to falter. Since it accounts for two-thirds of economic activity, that could send economic growth tumbling again in the second half of the year, particularly given rising unemployment, a continuing credit crisis and the deepest housing slump in decades.

Democrats, including presidential nominee Barack Obama, are calling for the government to pass a second stimulus package to guard against that.

But Bush has resisted, expressing concern about the impact on the budget deficit and insisting the rebate payments will continue to support the economy in coming months.

He praised the impact of the current stimulus package in language that suggested he remains opposed to another.

"The economic stimulus package that I signed earlier this year is having its intended effect," the president said. "Many Americans who received tax rebates are spending them. Businesses are taking advantage of tax incentives to purchase new equipment this year. And there are signs that the stimulus package will continue to have a beneficial impact on the economy in the second half of the year."

Still, despite his optimistic outlook, Bush took care to express sympathy with those grappling daily with pocketbook worries.

"There are families across our country struggling to make ends meet," he said. "There is an understandable concern about the high price of gas and food. And many Americans are worried about the health of our housing and job markets. I share these concerns about our economy."

Oil companies shutting down Gulf installations

HOUSTON (AP)—Royal Dutch Shell, BP and other oil companies wrapped up evacuations and shut down production Saturday as an intensifying Hurricane Gustav churned toward the petroleum-rich waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

As of midday Saturday, slightly more than three-fourths of the Gulf's oil production and nearly 40 percent of its natural gas output had been shut down, according to the U.S. Minerals Management Service, which oversees offshore activity.

Shell said it was on schedule to complete the evacuation of more than 1,300 workers from 20 production platforms and other facilities by Saturday afternoon. The task took four days and involved 17 helicopters.

BP said it also planned to have its workers evacuated Saturday.

Both oil giants said production was being completely shut off—a process that can involve closing safety valves in thousands of feet of water to prevent the release of oil or natural gas.

Analysts say prolonged supply disruptions could cause a sudden price uptick for gasoline and other petroleum products. Gasoline prices rose this week for the first time in more than a month, and they continued upward Saturday. A gallon of regular gasoline jumped more than a penny overnight to a national average of $3.682, according to auto club AAA.

How long production remains halted depends on Gustav's path and timing. Frank Glaviano, a Shell vice president who oversees production, said the flow of oil or natural gas usually can resume rather quickly—as long as equipment isn't damaged by the storm.

"It usually takes a couple of days before we can start to get a significant amount of production back up," Glaviano said. "It can take several days for the subsea wells. Typically, about half of our production comes back rather quickly."

The U.S. Gulf Coast accounts for about 25 percent of domestic oil production and 15 percent of natural gas output, according to the MMS. The Gulf Coast also is home to nearly half the nation's refining capacity.

Gustav grew into a fearsome hurricane Saturday as it trekked toward the Gulf. Forecasters say the storm could strike the U.S. Gulf Coast anywhere from the Florida Panhandle to Texas.

Gas prices up as Gustav threatens Gulf refineries

NEW YORK (AP)—Retail gas prices swung higher Friday—the first increase in 43 days—as analysts warned that a direct hit on U.S. energy infrastructure by Hurricane Gustav could send pump prices hurtling toward $5 a gallon.

Meanwhile, oil prices ended the day slightly lower, falling for a second straight session. But prices fluctuated sharply as some traders feared supply disruptions and others bet the government will release supplies from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve if Gustav wreaks havoc in the Gulf of Mexico area - home to a quarter of U.S. crude supplies and 40 percent of refining capacity.

Gustav, which regained hurricane strength Friday, was spinning away from Jamaica on a course toward Gulf Coast states including Louisiana—three years to the day since Hurricane Katrina slammed into the state and tore up oil rigs and refineries.

Fears of another monster storm have sent wholesale gasoline prices shooting up in the Gulf region, forcing filling stations to pass on the costs by raising pump prices ahead of Labor Day weekend.

A gallon of regular gasoline jumped about a penny overnight to a national average of $3.669, according to auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express.

That's the first increase since prices peaked at an average $4.114 a gallon on July 17, an all-time high.

Jeff Rubin, chief economist at investment bank CIBC World Markets, said that record could be shattered if Gustav seriously disrupts offshore energy production.

In 2005, pump prices jumped from slightly more than $2 a gallon to above $3 after Katrina and Hurricane Rita destroyed more than 100 oil platforms and damaged several refineries.

"The price consequences could be even worse this time," Rubin said in a report, noting that oil and gasoline inventories are lower than when Katrina and Rita hit. "Any replays of the 2005 storm season could see gasoline prices soar to $5 per gallon."

Nation

New Orleans orders mandatory evacuation

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Residents were ordered to flee an only partially rebuilt New Orleans Sunday as another monster storm bore down on Louisiana nearly three years to the day after Hurricane Katrina wiped out entire swaths of the city.

Hurricane Gustav, which already killed more than 80 people in the Caribbean, strengthened quickly into a Category 4 and was poised to become a Category 5 storm, packing winds in excess of 156 mph. It slammed Cuba's tobacco-growing western tip before moving away from the island country into the Gulf of Mexico.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin used stark language to urge residents to get out of the city, calling Gustav the "storm of the century."

"This is the real deal, not a test," Nagin said as he issued the evacuation order Saturday night. "For everyone thinking they can ride this storm out, I have news for you: that will be one of the biggest mistakes you can make in your life."

Forecasters were slightly less dire in their predictions, saying the storm should make landfall Monday afternoon somewhere between western Mississippi and East Texas, where evacuations were also under way. It's too early to know whether New Orleans will take another direct hit, they said, but city officials weren't taking any chances.

The mandatory evacuation of the city's west bank, where levee improvements remain incomplete, was to begin at 8 a.m., with the east bank to follow at noon. It's the first test of a revamped evacuation plan designed to eliminate the chaos, looting and death that followed Katrina.

AP

Jeffrey Vannor carries his belongings while evacuating from the approaching Hurricane Gustav at the Greyhound Bus and Amtrak station in New Orleans, on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008.

Bush: Gulf Coast govs to have full federal support

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Bush, faced with the prospect of a second monster hurricane striking the still-battered Gulf Coast on his watch, checked in with governors and federal officials Saturday to make sure Washington was doing all it can. He prepared for the possibility of travel to the region and designated two more states eligible for federal help ahead of Hurricane Gustav's landfall.

The president called state leaders in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas in the early morning from the White House before heading out for a 90-minute bike ride, spokesman Scott Stanzel said. Those states are in the potential path of the hurricane, which has been cutting a deadly route through the Caribbean and picked up even more power Saturday, probably en route to a terrifying Category 5 designation.

Gustav crossed Cuba's western tip before moving into the Gulf of Mexico and could reach the U.S. by as early as Monday afternoon. Just three years after Hurricane Katrina drowned New Orleans, a calamity from which the city still is not nearly recovered, it appeared very likely to get slammed again, by at least tropical-storm-force winds if not worse.

Bush also received regular updates from officials and aides about the storm's path and the government's preparations. He was to receive additional briefings Sunday from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as well as state and local officials and planned to visit the FEMA operations center.

McCain, Palin in Pa.; GOP convention eyes Gustav

WASHINGTON, Pa. (AP)—John McCain voiced concern for Gulf Coast residents fleeing the path of Hurricane Gustav on Saturday and made plans to visit Mississippi even as he reintroduced running mate Sarah Palin to a raucous crowd in a key battleground state.

"I would like, obviously, to keep in our thoughts and prayers the people on the Gulf Coast, especially in New Orleans, that are threatened by this terrible natural disaster of a hurricane," McCain said, recalling the devastation New Orleans suffered after Hurricane Katrina flooded the city three years ago.

Aides said McCain and his wife Cindy planned to join Palin in traveling to Jackson, Miss., Sunday at the invitation of Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour because of concerns about people threatened by the storm. Gustav was heading into the Gulf of Mexico and menacing the same area ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The storm could hit the U.S. as early as Monday afternoon.

The McCains and Palin will receive a briefing at the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency—a permanent operations center monitoring hurricane response.

On Saturday, the Arizona senator appeared onstage with Palin at a baseball park rally under a hot sun outside Pittsburgh. To shouts of "Sa-rah! Sa-rah!" the Alaska governor thanked the crowd for the warm welcome.

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Monday, August 25, 2008 first notice
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07-020-02		DLZ American Corp. and Alan Leung	Sept. 9, 2008	10:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Abaygar, Zenaida N.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Acquiatan, Cristina C.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
SA 06-037				
REMAND	Aleta, Danilo Jr.	Lincoln Delos Santos	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-084-08	Alquetra, Marita P.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	Sept. 9, 2008	10:00 a.m.
LC 06-095	Amadure, Miriam S.	Vision Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-267	Antalan, Edwardo B.	Maria E. Pelisamen	Sept. 9, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Aspe, Victoria A.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Asuncion, Leomhar E.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Babila, Punay D.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Bacerdo, Erlinda O.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-072-05	Bao, Weihong	Chang Cheng Int'l, Inc. and He, Jing Hua	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 06-326	Bao, Yuhua	Edward C. Cabrera	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Braza, Adelina D.O.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Brillo, Divina S.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Cabrera, Maria C.B.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-099-12	Canon, Matilde O.	Chanpac, Inc. dba Club Jama	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Capina, Araceli V.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Carino, Adona D.C.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-099-12	Carranza, Meliza E.	Chanpac, Inc. dba Club Jama	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Castro, Regie R.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Castro, Romel M.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-099-12	Cayetano, Rafael S.	Chanpac, Inc. dba Club Jama	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Chai, Fengqi	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-003-01	Chaikla, Duangchan	Winners Corporation	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
01-025-03	Chen, Pei Kun	Li Heng Ltd.	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-077-06	Cho, Yeun Kyung	A&K Development Co.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Clemente, Rosario J.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 06-251	Concillado, M. Elvie	Top Fashion Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Corpuz, Haidee M.	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Corrales, Venerando M.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
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07-079-06	Daniel, Monica D.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	De Mesa, Ruel Y.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-099-12	Degala, Maricris D.	Chanpac, Inc. dba Club Jama	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Dela Cruz, Alona R.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-084-08	Dela Cruz, Danilo R.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	Sept. 9, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Dela Rosa, Filipina D.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
DC 06-262	Dellota, Wilma M.	R & S Enterprises	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Delos Santos, Yolanda S.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
01-025-03	Deng, Fuchen	Li Heng Ltd.	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Doctolero, Adela C.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-195	Dumdumaya, Salve M.R.	Roy Jen Enterprises	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m..
07-079-06	Espinosa, Nenita A.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Fabian, Dennis P.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-072-05	Feng, Kangni	Chang Cheng Int'l, Inc. and He, Jing Hua	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Fernandez, Emma M.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Fuentes, Evelyn C.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Galang, Marites L.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Galario, Alexander R.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Galvez, Virgilia P.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
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07-079-06	Gorembalem, Francisco C.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-101	Gu, Jianhua	Yong Cheng Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-008	Gu, Xuetian	Jing Yang Corp., et. al.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-072-05	Guan, Xian Mei	Chang Cheng Int'l, Inc. and He, Jing Hua	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Gustar, Jose C.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	He, Jing Hua	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 00-264	Heo, In Sook	Jeon Co., Inc. and Kuk Young Jen	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 04-508	Hoque, Namzul	Marianas Hotel Services, Ltd.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
03-052-09	Hu, Yan Ping	Mirage Saipan Co., Ltd.	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
DC 06-325	Hua, Bofu	Edward C. Cabrera	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Icalina, Dian A.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 05-166	Jiang, Lirong	New Echo Ent. Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Jin, Hongyu	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Jin, Quanbin	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Jo, Won Gu	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Jose, Danilo	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Jovellanos, Fortuna N.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-099-12	Lagmay, Cristanto D.	Chanpac, Inc. dba Club Jama	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Landicho, Evangeline B.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Lapat, Valeriano P.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Le, Ling	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Le, Ping	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-077-06	Lee, Byung Ill	A&K Development Co.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Leonor, Narciso A.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 04-607	Li, Baofang	United International Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-021-03	Li, Bofei		Sept. 9, 2008	10:00 a.m.
LC 05-336	Li, Zhen	Date Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 01-172	Liu, Geng Rong	Crystal Star Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-072-05	Liu, Meishu	Chang Cheng Int'l, Inc. and He, Jing Hua	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-072-05	Liu, Yafang	Chang Cheng Int'l, Inc. and He, Jing Hua	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.

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07-079-06	Locanas, Jesus M.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 06-095	Lopez, Cynthia M.	Vision Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 05-216	Lua, Vivian E.	Sheu's Brothers Holding Co., Ltd.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Malapo, Helen M.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
99-194-05	Malapo, Valerie Joy B.	Hole In The Wall and Misamis Saipan, Inc.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Manalo, Mirabel A.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Mangao, Persory M.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Manlangit, Ely T.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Marante, Lolita D.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
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05-026-03	Martinez, Femina T.	Joshua Generation Int'l Academy	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-084-08	Melindo, Christopher C.	Pelisamen, Maria E.DLC and De Luna, Raymond DLC	Sept. 9, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Mendoza, Edna M.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 05-368	Micronesian Brokers Inc.	Doila, Maria M.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Nicolas, Elvira G.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Noriega, Andres A.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Nosa, Grace V.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Ocampo, Alicia M.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-128	Pangan, Fe V.	New Three Diamond Co., Ltd.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Park, Jin Won	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-077-06	Park, Jin Young	A&K Development Co.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-077-06	Park, Ju Won	A&K Development Co.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Pattung, Josephine C.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Penalosa, Guillerma D.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 05-336	Peng, Shue Xiong	Date Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Pineda, Teresita B.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-003-01	Prasansee, Janthai	Winners Corporation	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Pulido, Marilou J.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 05-240	Qian, Meiling	Song Yong Jun Dba Banana Karaoke Bar	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Quan, Shun Nu	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Quevedo, Alicia R.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Quilantang, Anita L.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 07-315	Ramos, Gracita M.	American Joint Partner Corp., Ltd.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
LC 07-208	Rasalingam, Kanagasabai	TKL Enterprises, Inc.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m..
07-079-06	Rebultan, Milagrosa R.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Sadiua, Rabio T. II	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 06-095	Santiago, Jennifer V.	Vision Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Si, Zhiyan	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-075-06	Sison, Nilda O.	Domingo, Crispina F. aka Salazar, Grace	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Song, Liwei	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-363	Song, Liwei	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Soriano, Jocelyn D.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Steuber, Salvacion S.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
01-025-03	Su, Bing Rong	Li Heng Ltd.	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Sui, Guiwei	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-143-11	Surisantos, Antonio B.	Herman's Modern Bakery	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 08-006	Susan, Antonio A.	Ada, Edward B. (deceased)	Sept. 9, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Tadtad, Flory M.S.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Tagaban, Joji E.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Tang, Xiaoying	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Tanghal, Cilda B.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-079-06	Teodoro, Amelia A.	Guzman, Linglingay	Sept. 9, 2008	11:00 a.m.
04-016-03	Torculas, Catherine A.	Tudela, Victoria T.	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
06-140-10	Valdez, Edgar U.	Pacific Utility & Comm., Inc.	Sept. 9, 2008	9:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Viray, Mary Ann C.	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Wang, Hongyu	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-168	Wang, Ju	Sheng Rong Development Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
DC 06-327	Wang, Yanni	Edward C. Cabrera	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Wei, Yanlin	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-241	Wei, Yanlin	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 04-437	Wen, Zhen Wang	American Sai Green Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Wu, Chunxia	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 06-230	Xia, Li Ying	Rifu Apparel Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Xiang, Nixia	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
01-025-03	Xu, Pei Chan	Li Heng Ltd.	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 06-106	Xu, Yuan Mei	United International Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-034	Yan, Haibo	Dela Rose, Mary M. and Joseph	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
LC 04-698	Yan, Luo	American Langente Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.
07-077-06	Yang, Kyung Hee	A&K Development Co.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Yang, Meifang	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 04-410	Ye, Jiamin	United International Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-077-06	Yoon, Haw Jin	A&K Development Co.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
01-060-04	Zhang, Guohua	NET Corporation	Sept. 10, 2008	9:00 a.m.
LC 01-172	Zhang, Jiaxian	Crystal Star Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Zhang, Ling	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Zhang, Qi Xia	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-072-05	Zhang, Qiuping	Chang Cheng Int'l, Inc. and He, Jing Hua	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Zhang, Qiyun	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-169	Zhang, Xiuyun	Sheng Rong Development Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Zhang, Yuan Zhen	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 98-402	Zhang, Zhanshan	American Kai Hua Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
LC 07-279	Zhao, Chun Xiu	Neo Fashion, Inc. and Marianas Ins. Co., Ltd.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
08-131-04	Zhao, Yunjie	World Apparel, Inc.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 98-402	Zheng, Fengrong	American Kai Hua Corp.	Sept. 11, 2008	10:00 a.m.
04-605	Zhou, Hailan	United International Corp.	Sept. 10, 2008	11:00 a.m.
07-073-05	Zhou, Shuyun	Seki, Wen Mei and Henry	Sept. 11, 2008	11:00 a.m.
LC 07-264	Zhuang, Xuezan	Yong Cheng Corporation	Sept. 11, 2008	9:00 a.m.

Asia

Rescuers head to quake site in Sichuan

BEIJING (AP)—Rescue teams headed to China's southwestern Sichuan province after a 6.1 magnitude earthquake killed 22 people and injured hundreds, local authorities said Sunday.

Saturday's quake killed 17 people in Sichuan and five others in the neighboring province of Yunnan, the China Earthquake Administration said in a statement posted on its Web site.

The official Xinhua News Agency put the death toll at 25 and said it was not known how many people were buried in the rubble.

Another 361 people were injured by the earthquake that hit 31 miles southeast of Panzhihua city in the southwestern corner of Sichuan late Saturday afternoon, the administration said.

Nearly 400 houses were destroyed in Panzhihua while another 1,000 homes collapsed in the neighboring farming town of Liangshan, the statement said.

SOURCE: ESRI AP

A woman who answered the phone at Sichuan provincial seismological bureau said the region was hit by about 300 aftershocks on Sunday morning, with the biggest measuring 3.3 on the Richter scale. She declined to give her name, saying she was not authorized to speak to the media.

The earthquake administration sent teams and seismic experts to the quake-hit area while the Yunnan provincial civil affairs bureau and the Yunnan Red Cross Society sent 3,400 tents and 2,000 quilts, Xinhua said.

Relief efforts were hampered by heavy rains and the region's rugged terrain, it said.

Dozens of evacuees were assembled on a field of a primary school in Panzhihua, footage from state broadcaster China Central Television showed Sunday in its midday bulletin.

Wrapped in quilts, the evacuees who included children and the elderly lay on plastic sheets and mats on the ground, the footage showed.

Also Saturday, an earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale struck the northwestern region of Xinjiang, Xinhua said in a separate report.

Mastermind of 2004 RP ferry bombing arrested

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Police have arrested one of the alleged masterminds of a ferry bombing that killed 116 people four years ago, a Philippine antiterrorism official said Saturday.

Ruben Pestano Lavilla Jr. was deported to Manila on Saturday after being arrested last month in Bahrain, said Anti-Terrorism Council Chairman Eduardo Ermita, who is also the most senior member of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's Cabinet.

Lavilla was arrested after he applied for a job at the Philippine Embassy in Bahrain, Justice Undersecretary Ricardo Blancaflor said.

Blancaflor said Lavilla is "the brains" of the Rajah Solaiman Movement, a group of Islamic converts that is allied with two al-Qaida-linked groups—the regional terror network Jemaah Islamiyah and the Abu Sayyaf, a Muslim extremist group based in the southern Philippines.

Bahraini authorities arrested Lavilla on July 24 after a Philippine Embassy security check on job applicants found he had outstanding warrants for murder and rebellion in the Philippines, Blancaflor said.

It took a month for the deportation process to be completed, including a confirmation by the Bahraini government of the existence of the Philippine arrest warrants, the creation of a team to bring Lavilla back to Manila and other preparations that "conform with the international law on human rights," Blancaflor said.

"If you are a terrorist, wherever you are, wherever you hide, the law will catch up with you—that's the most important thing here," he said.

He said Lavilla fled the country about a month after the Feb. 27, 2004, bombing of the Superferry 14.

The blast ignited a fire that swept through the ferry as it was sailing in Manila Bay. It was the second-worst terrorist attack in Southeast Asia after 2002 bombings in Bali, Indonesia, that killed 202 people, many of them foreign tourists.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Thai prime minister asks lawmakers to end crisis

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Thailand's prime minister acknowledged that his administration cannot control spiraling anti-government protests and urged Parliament to find a political solution during an emergency session Sunday. Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej once again refused to resign as thousands of protesters camped out at his official compound for a sixth day. "I will not bow. I will not step down and I will not resign—despite the pressure mounting on my government," said Samak, speaking in his weekly television program Sunday, hours before the joint session of Parliament. Samak said his government and the courts were unable to restore calm after they tried and failed to evict the protesters. The crowd size has ranged from 2,000 to about 30,000, and protesters have turned the government's headquarters into a disheveled campground with tents, portable toilets and piles of garbage.

India floods strand hundreds of thousands

SAHARSA, India (AP)—The deluge came and turned his world to water, so Umesh Kushyaha decided to build a boat. Kushyaha squatted Saturday hammering nails into his rickety-looking wooden row boat on the side of the road, a lone strip of dry land that cuts across miles of water. He was preparing for what authorities say will be months more of life submerged under flood waters. About 1.2 million people have been left homeless and scores have been killed in the impoverished state of Bihar in the two weeks since the monsoon-swollen Kosi river in neighboring Nepal burst its banks, dramatically changing course and spilling billions of gallons of water into the plains of northern India. Authorities say hundreds of thousands remain stranded after their homes and villages were inundated, clinging to the roofs of houses or whatever dry speck of land they can find. An estimated 3 million residents of Bihar have been affected.

Joint Afghan-US-UN probe launched into deadly raid

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The U.S.-led coalition, Afghan government and the United Nations will launch a joint probe into last week's deadly raid in a village in the country's west, a top NATO official said Saturday. Afghan and U.N. officials says some 90 civilians, most of them children, were killed in the village of Azizabad in the western Herat province on Aug. 22. The U.S.-led coalition maintains that 25 militants and five civilians died. The incident has caused an outrage in Afghanistan, where the issue of civilian casualties has been a long standing point of contention between President Hamid Karzai and his Western backers. So far, neither side has produced conclusive evidence to support their claim.

World

AP
Russian tanks drive through Tskhinvali, the regional capital of Georgia's breakaway province of South Ossetia, moving to the Russian border, Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008.

UN: Georgians effectively blocked from homes

TBILISI, Georgia (AP)—Russian troops remaining in Georgian territory are effectively preventing Georgians from returning to their homes, a U.N. representative said Saturday.

Melita Sunjic, spokeswoman for the U.N. High Commissioner of Refugees in Georgia, said that although it was not clear if Russian soldiers were actually preventing refugees from returning, the warnings by the troops effectively block them.

"If they say 'we can't guarantee your safety,' you don't go," she told The Associated Press.

Some 2,000 refugees are at UNHCR camps in Gori, and possibly thousands of others are in the region, hoping to return to villages that are in the so-called "security zones" that Russia has claimed for itself on Georgian territory.

The zones are near the border with separatist South Ossetia, the disputed province at the heart of the conflict that has ruined Georgia-Russia ties and caused the biggest crisis in Moscow's relations with the West since the 1991 Soviet collapse.

Fighting broke out Aug. 7 after Georgian forces launched a barrage on the South Ossetian capital of Tskhinvali, hoping to retake control of the province. Russian forces poured in, pushed the Georgians out in a matter of days and then drove deep into Georgia proper.

On Saturday, Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., a member of the chamber's foreign relations committee, visited Gori to observe the distribution of U.S. food aid.

The United States has sent substantial aid to Georgia in the wake of the war, using naval ships and military aircraft. Russian officials raised speculation that the military involvement could indicate the United States was seeking to restore Georgia's armed forces, which had received massive military aid from Washington in recent years.

Asked whether the United States was considering new military aid, Corker said "these subjects are part of a longer and mid-term discussion" when Congress reconvenes in September.

Gustav slams Cuba as powerful Category 4 hurricane

HAVANA (AP)—Gustav slammed into Cuba's tobacco-growing western tip as a monstrous Category 4 hurricane Saturday while both Cubans and Americans scrambled to flee the storm as it roared toward the oil-rich Gulf of Mexico and New Orleans.

Forecasters said Gustav was just short of becoming a top-scale Category 5 hurricane as it hit Cuba's mainland after passing over its Isla de la Juventud province, where screaming 150 mph (240 kph) winds toppled telephone poles, mango and almond trees and peeled back the tin roofs of homes.

Isla de la Juventud civil defense chief Ana Isla said there were "many people injured," but no reports of deaths. She said nearly all its roads were washed out and that some regions were heavily flooded.

"It's been very difficult here," she said on state television.

Authorities evacuated at least 300,000 people across Cuba, including western communities, cities near Havana and on the Isla de la Juventud, or Isle of Youth, an island of 87,000 people south of mainland Cuba.

Gustav was projected to plow into the Gulf of Mexico at full force Sunday, and reach the U.S. coast Monday afternoon. A hurricane watch was issued from Texas east to the Florida-Alabama border.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin ordered the mandatory evacuation of the city, turning informal advice to flee from the approaching Gustav into an official order to get out.

Hundreds of thousands of Mexicans protest killings

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of frustrated Mexicans, many carrying pictures of kidnapped loved ones, marched across the country Saturday to demand government action against a relentless tide of killings, abductions and shootouts.

The mass candlelight protests were a challenge to the government of President Felipe Calderon, who has made fighting crime a priority and deployed more than 25,000 soldiers and federal police to wrest territory from powerful drug cartels.

Cries of "enough" and "long live Mexico" rose up from sea of white-clad demonstrators filling Mexico City's enormous Zocalo square. The protesters held candles twinkling in the darkness as they sang the national anthem before dispersing.

"I've had enough. Kidnapping, corrupt police, a rotten judicial system," said Ricardo Robledo, a 43-year-old music producer who said he had been robbed numerous times. "This may begin a change."

City officials refused to give a crowd estimate, but the Zocalo can hold nearly 100,000 people. Tens of thousands overflowed into the surrounding streets, unable to squeeze into the square. Thousands more protested in cities across the country.

In the capital, Romana Quintera, 72, wore T-shirt with a photograph of her baby grandson, who was kidnapped for ransom five years ago when gunmen burst into her home and killed her niece. Two people imprisoned for the attack have refused to reveal the boy's fate, and Quintera said investigators have given up on the case.

Health & Fitness

Invention could help some migraine sufferers

By JOE BURRIS
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The first time Howard County, Md., inventor Dr. Robert Fischell experienced a migraine symptom known as an aura, he had no clue what was happening. Images of dancing circles crowded his vision, and when the circles grew larger, he thought he was about to have a stroke.

Suddenly, the aura stopped and to Fischell's surprise, and relief, no ailment followed. "Oh, thank God," he said.

Now the maker of the first implantable insulin pump, the rechargeable pacemaker and various coronary stents has invented a hand-held device that targets the aura en route to stopping a migraine—a painful, sometimes debilitating headache disorder—before it starts.

Fischell's Neuralieve Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, or TMS, Treatment System device is creating a buzz throughout medical circles—and could provide hope for the millions of Americans who suffer from aura-accompanied migraine headaches.

Having received satisfactory results in testing the device, Fischell applied to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in June for approval to manufacture the device for commercial sale. He hopes the device will be on the market (via prescription only) by the beginning of next year.

Fischell's noninvasive device marks a significant advance in TMS technology, which doctors and scientists have used since the 1980s to probe brain activity and, in recent years, to treat depression.

Fischell's contraption looks like a box with two handles on opposite sides. At the onset of an aura—a neurological disturbance during which nerves in the brain spontaneously fire—the user places the device at the back of his head near the part of the brain called the occipital cortex, where auras begin. The press of a trigger on the device emits two magnetic pulses 15 seconds apart. The pulses silence the nerve activity, shutting down the aura before migraine pain sets in.

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Dr. Robert Fischell says of his hand-held device, "The magnetic pulses are equivalent to what you get during an MRI."

And while the TMS treatment for migraine headache is largely in its experimental phase, it has not been associated with serious side effects. Treatments to stem migraine-accompanied aura include applying steroids directly to the occipital cortex. "The magnetic pulses are equivalent to what you get during an MRI, the intensity of the magnetic field," said Fischell, 79. "The patients do feel a tingle in their scalp, which is not at all unpleasant. That is really our only side effect, and it is not at all a problem. It merely indicates to the patient that there has been a treatment. Medications are somewhat effective, but they all have side effects. Our treatment has zero side effects."

The New Jersey-based American Headache Society, a professional society of health care providers, estimates that 28 million Americans—about one in five women and one in 20 men—suffer from migraines with or without aura. The higher incidence for women is probably related to fluctuation in estrogen, said Jack Gladstein, associate professor of pediatrics and neurology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

In a clinical trial involving the Neuralieve TMS and a replica device, Fischell's machine outperformed the replica, with 39 percent of its users pain-free at two hours after treatment, compared with 22 percent of placebo users who didn't have pain after two hours. At both the 24-hour and 48-hour intervals, the number of TMS-treated patients free from pain was 13 percent greater than that of the placebo groups at the respective intervals. None of the patients reported serious side effects.

"Those with the placebo device, the headache eventually went away by itself," said Dr. Stephen D. Silberstein, director of the Jefferson Headache Center in Philadelphia, one of 16 medical facilities in the U.S. where the Neuralieve was tested. "The headaches in all the subjects went away, but it went away much faster for those using the device than those not using the device."

Dr. Richard B. Lipton, lead investigator on the study and a professor and vice chair of neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, said that the study "shows that TMS is a safe and effective treatment for the 7 million Americans who have migraine with aura."

The Neuralieve is among several biotechnology devices created by Fischell, who has 150 registered U.S. patents. They include an implantable heart monitor with a buzz alarm that warns patients to go to the hospital the moment an artery experiences blockage, even before the onset of pain. The device then downloads the patient's data for doctors at the hospital.

Vegetable logic

By DAN ZAK
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I should've eaten my ham sandwich before picking up Karen Dawn's "Thanking the Monkey: Rethinking the Way We Treat Animals." After reading her description of how the deli meat got to my Tupperware container, I put off lunch until late in the afternoon. But I was so hungry I had to eat the sandwich at some point. With each bite into the ham, I heard the shrieking of pigs in my head.

When will the pigs stop screaming, Karen Dawn? When?

When the world converts to vegetarianism, she writes in the book. This will happen eventually. She's not militant about this point. She's logical. She's levelheaded. She's funny. That's why her message is so ... darn ... persuasive.

"Thanking the Monkey" is a glossy, nearly 400-page, eminently readable book that's not just about forgoing meat; it's about fur and animal testing and the merits of hunting and fishing and the badness of pet stores, circuses and the Navy sonar systems that make the ears of gray whales bleed. It celebrates the progress of the animal rights movement. It provides sensible rationales for treating animals with near-absolute equality. It criticizes the National Wildlife Federation (for protecting hunting interests), the organic food fad ("organic" doesn't necessarily mean animals have been treated well) and Jack Hanna (for supporting dove hunting and glossing over problems in horse racing).

Jack Hanna, for crying out loud. The woman's got some nerve.

A native of Australia, Dawn is the founder of DawnWatch, an e-newsletter that calls attention to animal rights coverage in the media. She works from home in Los Angeles and started work on "Thanking the Monkey" ($19.95, Harper Paperbacks) two years ago.

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Karen Dawn, author of "Thanking the Monkey: Rethinking the Way We Treat Animals," says, "Activists throughout history are seen as crazy because they're trying to bring ideas outside of normal thought into the mainstream."

We got her on the phone last week to talk about the book.

Q. This book is heavy. What is it, like, three pounds?

A. (It's) 2.2. The reason it's so big is because it's got so many pictures. Being so heavy makes it scary, but when you open it up and have one fun photo—celebrity or cartoon—on every page, it doesn't look so heavy.

Q. You pursued a science degree in Australia that involved experimenting on rats,—something you're obviously against now.

A. I didn't feel good about doing it but didn't let myself think about it. I sort of closed my heart. It never occurred to me how much more badly those rats needed their lives than I needed a degree. It's not a matter of rats versus people. It was a matter of a degree I didn't really need. I really think that it's helped me as an activist. You're not a bad person if you're not thinking about the animals. I don't believe in bad or good people. I think people make choices, and you can always choose again.

Q. You think humanity is evolving toward vegetarianism.

A. We're going to have a choice. As there are more and more and more of us, it takes an awful lot more land and resources to feed people with meat than it does (with) grain. The Earth could feed about 2.5 billion people if everyone ate the standard American diet, or it could feed 10 billion vegetarians. The fact that China is starting to eat our diet — the more meat people eat, the more impossible it will be to eat at all.

Q. The book makes the subtle point that the mistreatment of animals leads to all kinds of mainstream problems, such as pollution and cancer.

A. It almost makes you believe in karma. We're raping the Earth and the animals, and we're paying the price. I'm not a purist. The only answer is to leave all animals alone? No. Even though I am a capitalist, eventually we'll get to a place just as we did with human beings: that you don't deal monetarily in owning and selling them.

Q. What's your least favorite animal?

A. Personally, I don't relate well to the carnivores. Not fond of our local hawks because they kill my squirrels. I would never want to see them killed, but my eyes don't light up at the sight of a hawk. The poor bastards: They have to live, they have to eat, but I don't have much affection for them.

Q. So let's say I'm an omnivore who simply cannot go without eating meat or eggs now and then. Is there anything I can do to still be as animal-conscious as possible, even though I'm eating them?

A. Every single time you sit down at a restaurant, you make a choice. If there's a veggie burger on the menu, don't order the turkey burger. My vegetarianism didn't happen overnight. ... I'm still a cheating vegan: If I'm dying for Doritos — and I know they have a bit of whey in them — I still eat them. But I think if I wasn't a cheating vegan, I might not even be engaging in this lifestyle at all. It's not an all-or-nothing thing.

Q. But what if I want to order or buy meat?

A. Some things are better than others. ... At least if you're buying meat that has met some sort of welfare standards, you're not contributing to heinous torture. And it's better to eat an occasional piece of steak than an omelet every day, both health-wise and also because of the amount of cruelty involved. Six eggs — what those six hens went through!

Q. Why do you think animal rights activists developed a reputation for being crazy people? Was it a matter of not communicating the message effectively, or other people just not understanding what the big deal was?

A. It's like the beginning of any movement. Activists throughout history are seen as crazy because they're trying to bring ideas outside of normal thought into the mainstream. There was a time when feminists were seen as a bit loony.

Life & Style

Obama's speech seen by 38 million-plus viewers

NEW YORK (AP)—Barack Obama's audience for his acceptance speech likely topped 40 million people, and the Democratic gathering that nominated him was a more popular television event than any other political convention in history.

More people watched Obama speak from a packed stadium in Denver on Thursday than watched the Olympics opening ceremony in Beijing, the final "American Idol" or the Academy Awards this year, Nielsen Media Research said Friday. (Four playoff football games, including the Super Bowl between the Giants and Patriots, were seen by more than 40 million people.)

His TV audience nearly doubled the amount of people who watched John Kerry accept the Democratic nomination to run against President Bush four years ago. Kerry's speech was seen by a little more than 20 million people; Bush's acceptance speech to GOP delegates had 27.6 million viewers.

Through four days, the Democratic convention was seen in an average of 22.5 million households. No other convention—Republican or Democratic—had been seen in as many homes since Nielsen began keeping these records for the Kennedy-Nixon campaign in 1960. There weren't enough television sets in American homes to have possibly beaten this record in years before that.

The convention that comes closest in interest was the 1976 Republican gathering, which averaged 21.9 million homes. That was the year President Gerald Ford fought off a challenge for the nomination from future President Ronald Reagan. For Democrats, the closest came during the 1980 convention where Sen. Edward Kennedy challenged President Jimmy Carter for the nomination.

This year's nomination fight was another epic battle, between Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton. Even though it was decided before the convention, viewers apparently were drawn to the historic nature of the first black man nominated as a major party presidential candidate.

Nielsen said that 38.4 million people watched Obama's speech as it was carried live by 10 commercial networks: ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC, BET, TV One, Univision and Telemundo.

PBS also televised the speech, but didn't pay Nielsen for a count of its national viewership. Based on a sample of several large cities, PBS estimated that an additional 4 million people saw the speech on its network. C-SPAN, which also televised the speech, has no estimate of its audience.

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Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., addresses the Democratic National Convention at Invesco Field in Denver, Thursday, Aug. 28, 2008.

McCain VP *decision boosts book on Alaska governor*

NEW YORK (AP)—Republican presidential candidate John McCain's surprise choice of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate has given a brief, upbeat biography of her the kind of boost that Sen. Joe Biden's memoir received when he joined the Democratic ticket.

Until Friday, even fewer people nationwide had heard of the book, "Sarah: How a Hockey Mom Turned Alaska's Political Establishment Upside Down," than had heard of the Alaskan governor whose story it tells.

With no other major releases about or by Palin, the audience for "Sarah" is quickly expanding. As of Friday evening, the book had jumped into the top 25 on Amazon.com, where shoppers now have to wait 1-3 weeks for shipment. Publisher Kent Sturgis says digital printing will be used to fill orders for the hardcover and that a paperback will be hurried out, with an expected printing of 50,000.

"I was happy as a clam even before today," Sturgis told The Associated Press on Friday. "This is all unbelievable."

Published by Epicenter Press, Inc., based in Kenmore, Wash., and specializing in books about Alaska, "Sarah" was written by Anchorage author Kaylene Johnson and released in April. The Republican governor enjoys high approval ratings in her state and a small first printing of around 7,000 had sold out before Friday's announcement.

Epicenter was founded 21 years ago and publishes 10 or fewer books a year, Sturgis says. Its most popular book is Velma Willis' "Two Old Women," a 1993 release, based on an Athabascan Indian legend, that has more than 500,000 copies in print.

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Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, Ariz., left, introduces his vice presidential running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, at a campaign stop in Washington, Pa. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008.

Yearwood philosophical after emergency landing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Trisha Yearwood had a harrowing experience on a recent flight to Oklahoma when her plane was forced to make an emergency landing in Baltimore because of a cracked windshield.

The singer was shaken but undeterred; she caught another flight home a few hours later.

"I'm pretty spiritual about it," she said Wednesday. "I turn it over to God and think, 'There's nothing I can do about it.' And I also think, 'What are the odds?' I've been flying for 18 years and had one emergency landing. That's pretty good."

Yearwood, her sister and some friends were returning Aug. 18 from a three-day, 60-mile walk in Boston to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure breast cancer research fund when they heard a loud pop.

Yearwood, 43, said the front left window of the plane had cracked.

"We never lost cabin pressure, so we didn't have to use our oxygen masks. By the time we got on the ground, the crack on the front of the plane's window was huge, and getting bigger by the second," she said.

When they reached the ground, she recalled, "It was like in the movies when they land and you see all the fire trucks and emergency crews. That's a real experience."

After a three-hour wait for another plane—and a "fantastic" seafood dinner on the city's Inner Harbor—they were back in the air.

"I didn't have any anxiety like 'the last thing I want to do is get back on an airplane.' I did feel like the pilots and the flight attendants handled it perfectly," Yearwood said. "They were so very calm. It wasn't a scary situation until afterward when you think about what possibly could have happened."

"But once I did land," she said, "I thought, 'Good. I'd like to stay home a little while.'"

AP

In this Feb. 21, 2008 file photo, singer Trisha Yearwood performs as part of Nissan Live Sets on Yahoo! Music in Los Angeles.

Police: DNA links man to slaying of Kutcher's ex

LOS ANGELES (AP)—DNA evidence has linked an air conditioning repairman to the stabbing deaths of three women, including a former girlfriend of actor Ashton Kutcher, police said Friday.

Michael Gargiulo, 32, of Santa Monica has been in custody since July for a separate knife attack and could face murder charges as soon as next week, police said.

Santa Monica police Lt. Darrell Lowe said DNA collected from a crime scene last spring helped link Gargiulo to the stabbing deaths of women from Los Angeles, suburban Chicago and Monterey Park.

One of the cases involves 22-year-old Ashley Ellerin, Kutcher's former girlfriend, who was found dead in February 2001 in her Hollywood Hills home.

Kutcher, who starred in the television series "That '70s Show" and is married to actress Demi Moore, told police he went to pick up the fashion student-model for a post-Grammy Awards party, but she did not answer the door. He checked a back window and spotted what he thought were red wine stains on the carpet and then left. Her body was discovered the next day by a friend.

Kutcher's agent, Stephanie Simon, said the actor had no comment.

Police said they have a DNA match that links Gargiulo to another fatal stabbing of a Monterey Park woman in 2005. They also suspect Gargiulo in the 1993 killing of a high school girl in the Chicago suburb of Glenview, where Gargiulo lived at the time. Tricia Pacaccio, a senior at Glenbrook South High School, was found stabbed to death on her front doorstep, clutching her door key.

Gargiulo was being held in lieu of $1.1 million bail on attempted murder and burglary charges stemming from the April 28 stabbing of a Santa Monica woman in her home, Lowe said. Detectives matched a DNA sample taken from blood at the crime scene to Gargiulo. Lowe said further database cross-referencing found that Gargiulio's DNA matched genetic evidence in the three killings.

Gargiulo's attorney, Anthony Salerno, said his client denies involvement in any of the attacks and "thinks the police are out to get him."

Fans queue to snag tickets to see Oprah, Olympians

CHICAGO (AP)—Fans began lining up at 6 a.m. Saturday for a chance to snag free tickets to "The Oprah Winfrey Show" season premiere featuring 150 U.S. Olympic athletes.

By noon, the line of Winfrey fans and U.S. Olympic supporters stretched nearly six city blocks in Chicago's Millennium Park. The show will air Sept. 8 and include appearances by gold medalists Michael Phelps, Nastia Liukin and Kobe Bryant.

Tickets for the Winfrey's tapings are usually available only by phone and nearly impossible to get, so fans were itching for the 2,000 seats up for grabs for Wednesday's taping.

"We do love Oprah," said 20-year-old Loyola University student Grace Sutherland, who left her apartment at 4 a.m. to wait in line. "But the Olympic athletes, they are real role models. This is the America we like to see."

Jeanne Kaspar, 40, of Naperville, Ill., said that although the Olympians are inspiring, Winfrey's accomplishments will resonate long after the athletes' successes are forgotten.

AP

Oprah Winfrey speaks in Whitesboro, N.J. Satuday, Aug. 30, 2008.

"Oprah shattered the glass ceiling for women," Kaspar said. "She's shown a woman can run companies, can lead philanthropic organizations, can do really anything."

Organizers began passing out tickets at noon Saturday.

For those unable to get tickets Saturday, approximately 7,000 festival-style lawn seats would be available Wednesday, said Monica Cebula, special events coordinator for Millennium Park. Another 2,000 seats have been set aside for the Olympians' families and friends.

Winfrey's Harpo Productions said the show is a "welcome home celebration" for the athletes and a chance to feature Chicago in the city's bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Chicago is a finalist for the 2016 games along with Tokyo; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and Madrid, Spain. The International Olympic Committee will choose the 2016 host next year.

Ex-private eye, lawyer, convicted of conspiracy

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Former Hollywood private eye Anthony Pellicano and his entertainment lawyer co-defendant were convicted Friday of charges linked to the wiretapping of billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian's former wife in a child support battle.

Pellicano and attorney Terry Christensen were each convicted of conspiracy to commit wiretapping. Pellicano was also convicted of wiretapping and Christensen was convicted of aiding and abetting a wiretap.

"We are disappointed, think the jury is wrong, and we will be appealing," said Patricia Glaser, Christensen's attorney and law partner.

Pellicano and Christensen were accused of recording Lisa Bonder Kerkorian's phone conversations in an effort to disprove her claims that MGM mogul Kirk Kerkorian was the father of her young daughter.

"This case uncovered corruption by the wealthy and influential, and today's guilty verdicts render assurance that the justice system cannot be bought by those with money and power," said Salvador Hernandez, assistant director in charge of the FBI in Los Angeles.

Each of the 64-year-old defendants faces up to 10 years in federal prison and $500,000 in fines when sentenced by U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer.

Pellicano was convicted of illegal wiretapping and racketeering in a separate case earlier this year. He was remanded to jail after the latest verdicts were announced and is to be sentenced in both cases Sept. 24.

Christensen, who is free on $100,000 bond, is to be sentenced Nov. 17. He was ordered to surrender his passport and instructed not to travel outside of central California without permission.

The jury began deliberating Wednesday but had to start again Thursday when Fischer dismissed one juror for making questionable comments about the severity of the charges in the jury room and then lying about making them.

The case was built on recorded conversations between Pellicano and Christensen in which prosecutors said they discussed Bonder Kerkorian's private phone calls. Jurors heard a playback of several conversations during deliberations.

Glaser stressed to jurors that no actual recordings of the phone calls were ever recovered.

Bonder Kerkorian, a former tennis pro, was married to Kerkorian, now 91, for 28 days in 1999. Christensen paid Pellicano $25,000 up front and promised $100,000 more if he could identify the true father of the girl, prosecutors said. DNA tests later showed movie producer Steve Bing was the biological father.

Kirk Kerkorian testified briefly during the trial, saying he had no knowledge of any wiretapping being used in the paternity case.

Dust storm causes some to leave Burning Man early

AP

Suenos Del Agave performers dance on the playa during the Burning Man festival on Friday evening, Aug. 29, 2008, near Gerlach, Nev.

RENO, Nev. (AP)—A dust storm chased away some participants from the counterculture Burning Man festival before its traditional climax Saturday night on the northern Nevada desert, authorities said.

Roger Farschon, incident commander for the federal Bureau of Land Management, said the dust storm on the Black Rock Desert about 110 miles north of Reno began early Saturday afternoon and continued into the evening.

"We are in (a) total whiteout," he wrote by e-mail. "A similar cold front caused a major dust event on Monday. The rest of the event has been relatively dust-free."

The annual celebration of radical self-expression was scheduled to climax Saturday night with the torching of its 40-foot signature effigy.

The crowd on Saturday morning reached a record 49,599, up from 47,097 last year, authorities reported.

Farschon said he was unaware of any fatalities or major arrests during the weeklong event leading up to Labor Day.

"Overall, the event is going smoothly with no major problems," he wrote. "Medical cases are very consistent with last year with daily patient loads of 0.5 to 0.7 percent of the population."

The BLM had made six arrests and issued 129 citations to participants through early Saturday morning, many for drug violations.

Burning Man, an eclectic art, music and performance festival, began in 1986 at San Francisco's Baker Beach and was moved to the Black Rock Desert in 1990.

Husband scratches his head at wife's love for lingerie

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: When my wife sees lingerie she likes in a store, she asks me to buy it for her birthday or our anniversary. The problem is, she'll wear the item only once and never wear it again. She has a fortune in lingerie in her dresser drawer just taking up space.

I hate wasting money. Do you have any advice for me?

FREDERICK, BUT NOT IN HOLLYWOOD

DEAR FRED: I see your point and do have a few thoughts on the subject. First, you are a sweet and generous husband to give your wife the lingerie she's requesting.

Now: Allow me to share a feminine secret. When women spy a display of "fabulous" lingerie, we often fantasize that we'll look like Giselle Bundchen when we put it on. Sadly, when there's no one to airbrush the image, that often doesn't turn out to be the case.

Also, lingerie displayed in a shop window isn't always practical for everyday wear. It may not offer enough support, look lumpy under outerwear, or worse, turn out to be scratchy.

Before the next special occasion, suggest to your wife that you go shopping together. That way, perhaps you and she can select something wearable, practical and pretty -- and you won't feel so frustrated.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter to make amends to a former co-worker. This incident happened years ago. I have no idea where this lady is, or I would say it directly, but I am hoping she will see it in your column.

"Dear Former Co-Worker: Many years ago, your husband sexually molested your daughter. It was in the paper and on the news. You came to work every day looking distraught, and I did and said nothing. I didn't know what to say and didn't want to add to your pain, so I didn't speak up. I have always regretted it. I felt your sorrow and respected your courage. I want you to know that I cared about you and what you and your daughter were going through. I'm sorry I didn't have the courage to say a kind or sympathetic word.

"I still think of you and wish I hadn't held back. I know what a hard time this was for you on many levels. I sincerely apologize and hope you and your daughter are OK. I also hope you can forgive me for being a coward."

YOUR FORMER CO-WORKER, LESLIE

DEAR LESLIE: I, too, hope your former co-worker sees your letter. However, whether she does or not, it sets an example for others who see someone in distress and don't know how to reach out. When someone is in pain, knowing that someone cares can be of great comfort.

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DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a family of girls. Our parents always told us we could do anything a boy could do, and we did. However, when our brother was born, everything changed.

He is now 40 and has never been able to hold a job longer than a month. He has a college degree, a wife who works and three wonderful little girls. Our parents are in their 80s and continue to pay his bills! Mom even takes his clothes to the cleaners. How can we get our brother to stop taking advantage of our parents?

BIG SISTER IN TEXAS

DEAR BIG SISTER: I think you have it backward. By turning your brother into an object of worship and failing to teach him responsibility and independence, your parents have done all they could to allow themselves to be taken advantage of.

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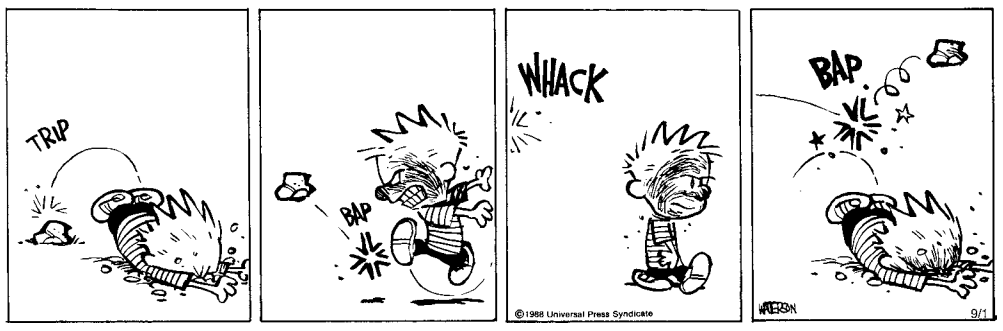

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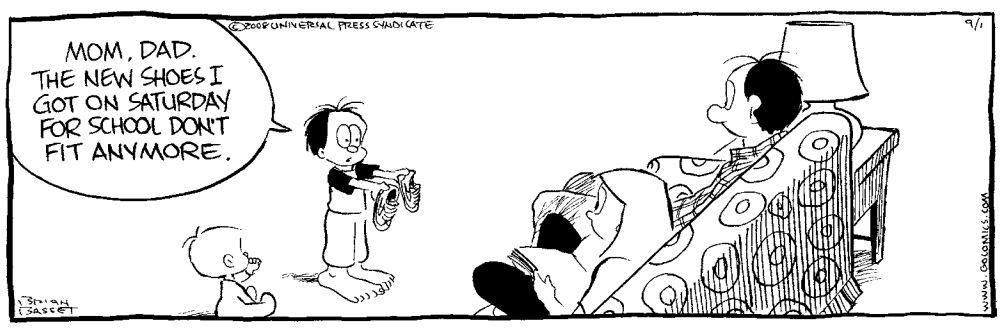
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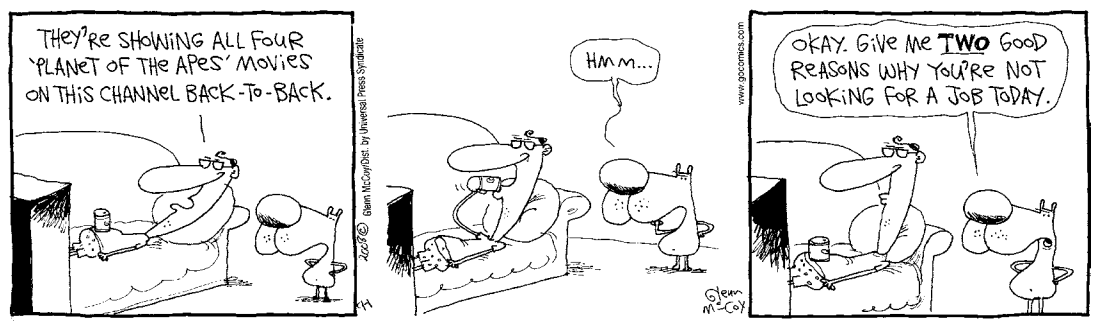
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy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OKAY. Give me TWO GOOD REASONS WHY YOU'RE NOT LOOKING FOR A JOB TODAY.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Extinct bird
5 Tennis stroke
8 Dumbfounds
12 Complete redo
14 Easy bounding gait
15 Australia's capital
16 Wield needles
17 Squid fluid
18 Hut roof material
20 Numerical info
23 Require a retest, maybe
24 Cronies
25 1970 Dawn hit
28 Priestly garment
29 Wonderland visitor
30 Hostel
32 Food-packaging factory
34 Apportion (out)
35 Greek vowels
36 In the cards
37 Evolution proponent
40 Charged particle
41 Bedouin
42 Man-eater?
47 Revealing skirt
48 Rickety
49 Advantage
50 Tit for —
51 Con game

DOWN
1 "What's up, —?"
2 Eggs
3 Lair
4 Trips around the world?
5 Brownish songbird
6 "— Town"
7 Conspicuousness
8 Acid neutralizer
9 Refuses to
10 Grand-scale tale
11 Brother of Cain and Abel
13 Coop group
19 Stash
20 Hot tub
21 Body powder
22 Actress Jessica
23 Expositions
25 Of wholesome appearance
26 Regimen
27 Initial stake
29 Opposed
31 Homer's neighbor
33 Raw recruit
34 Crazes
36 Typeface
37 Knighted woman
38 Saharan
39 Pealed
40 "Meet Me — Louis"
43 Literary collection
44 English channel?
45 Chicken-king link
46 Moon vehicle

Solution time: 24 mins.

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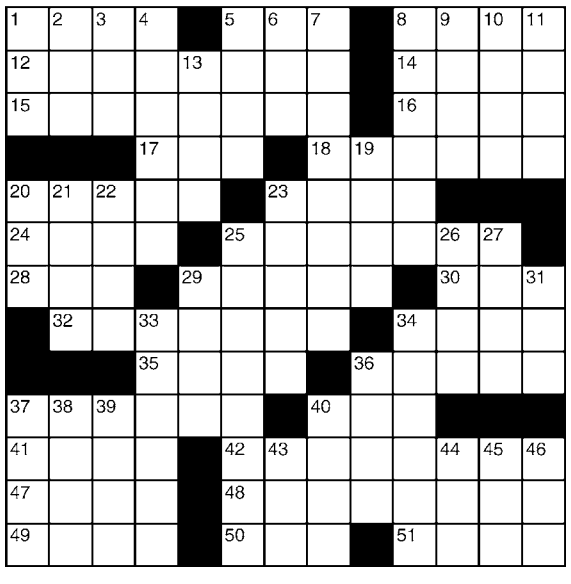
Saturday's answer 9-1



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Happy Birthday: Don't lament over spilled milk when there is so much to experience and look forward to. For every lost connection, you will find someone new and exciting to fill the void. This is a year of growth and realization. Believe in who you are and what you stand for. Progress is calling you, so follow through. Your numbers are 2, 8, 24, 27, 35, 41

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You will draw a lot of attention if you are too adamant about what you think and want to do. Tone things down and take a wait-and-see approach. You are likely to promise too much—rethink your strategy. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't exaggerate about what you can do. Someone will catch on to the fact that you may not have the background to handle everything you promised. Get trusted advice from someone with experience. Promises must be delivered. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't hold yourself back because someone you respect or who depends on you is making demands. There is too much at stake to not follow through. Love is in the stars and you must connect with people who motivate you. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Avoid family feuds or meddling in relatives' or friends' affairs. Consider the support you are getting, the options being offered and the changes that will help improve your mental outlook. Someone may not like your choices but don't argue. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't make snap decisions regarding lifestyle, travel or educational pursuits. A new position or proposal will get you thinking about what else you can do and how you can lower your stress. Change is required. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Socialize with people who have similar interests. You will develop a strong networking facility. Overspending will backfire. You can make your dollar stretch if you are industrious with your own resources. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Love is on the line and, if you aren't forthright about your intentions, you could be backed into a corner. Try to do more for others. Your gestures will leave a good impression and cover up any emotional upset you may be experiencing. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): There is a lesson to be learned by helping others. It may appear that you are always giving and not receiving but, with each gracious offering, you are building a strong base for future support. Good advice will be given to you. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't mess with authority or anyone who can play havoc with your future. Be creative, original and hardworking and you will shine. Remember not to give too much away or spend too much in the process. ✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't give in to threats or to anyone trying to persuade you to see or do things his or her way. If you take a serious approach to your finances, debts, legal matters and health problems, you can put a huge dent in what needs to be done in order to prosper. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Finalize both personal and financial deals. Love can be discussed and your future plans put into motion. Now is a great time to make a commitment or promise to someone special. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't let someone stifle your plans. A partnership won't turn out as planned. Get what you want in writing to avoid having to fight for your rights later on. Try not to show instability, even if you aren't sure what to do next. ✪✪✪

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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JOHN MC CAIN **Solution: 9 letters**

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Querrey's 2nd upset of Open earns match vs. Nadal

NEW YORK (AP)—Sam Querrey is so young that there isn't a trace of irony when he mentions growing up rooting for Andy Roddick and James Blake, two guys still very much on tour and still in their 20s.

Querrey is so new to this whole professional tennis gig that there is nothing but earnestness in his voice when he admits he's excited his matches are on TV.

And Querrey is so young, so new and so eager that he clearly means it when he plainly explains he's "looking forward" to facing No. 1 Rafael Nadal at the U.S. Open, a matchup the 20-year-old Californian set up Saturday by knocking off a seeded player for the second time in the tournament.

It's Querrey's first berth in the fourth round of a major championship.

"And, you know, it's great that it's the U.S. Open," Querrey said, words tumbling forth through a wide grin. "It's the one that, you know, if I had to pick one to win, it would be this one."

Heady talk for a kid who is ranked 55th, owns one career title and has lost more matches than he's won on tour—even after upsetting No. 14 Ivo Karlovic 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-2 in the third round Saturday.

Querrey added that to his victory over No. 22 Tomas Berdych in the first round. A far tougher test follows, of course: Wimbledon, French Open and Olympic champion Nadal, who won for the 41st time in his last 42 matches by brushing aside Viktor Troicki 6-4, 6-3, 6-0.

Querrey was hardly the only man to author a surprise Saturday, capped by Mardy Fish's 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (4) victory over No. 9 Blake in an all-American match at night. Fish took the last five points to earn his first berth in the fourth round at the U.S. Open. Fish now meets French Open semifinalist Gael Monfils, who beat No. 7 David Nalbandian in straight sets, then showed off some club-worthy dance moves to mark a victory he called "gorgeous."

AP

Sam Querrey of the United States returns a shot to Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic during their match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008.

No. 6 Andy Murray of Britain came all the way back from a two-set deficit to defeat a fading Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-7 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-1, 6-4. Murray celebrated by pushing up his gray T-shirt's right sleeve and flexing his biceps—a signal to his fitness trainer and support team.

"When you're training and wondering why you do all the work and feeling sorry for yourself and what have you—you kind of push through and keep working," Murray said. "Then when you have moments like that on the court, you know, you feel like it's all worth it."

His next opponent is No. 10 Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland, who also dropped the first two sets before winning in five against Flavio Cipolla of Italy.

Cipolla refused to shake hands afterward, angry that Wawrinka questioned whether the Italian really was dealing with leg cramps during the match and that Wawrinka let out a yell of "Come on!" after one of Cipolla's nine double-faults.

On a day filled with five-setters, No. 17 Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina outlasted No. 16 Gilles Simon of France 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 to extend his winning streak to 22 matches. The 19-year-old Del Potro moved on to face 18-year-old Kei Nishikori, who overcame cramps to stun No. 4 David Ferrer 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, 7-5 and become the first Japanese man to reach the U.S. Open's fourth round in the 40-year Open era.

Nishikori broke Ferrer in the final game, converting his third match point with a forehand winner down the line, then dropped his racket and flopped on his back.

"I still can't believe it. I was playing great and he was playing great, too," Nishikori said during an on-court TV interview. "Biggest win for me."

There were no such theatrics in women's play, although No. 6 Dinara Safina had to overcome a big deficit before getting past 60th-ranked Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 at night. Both Williams sisters—the only two past champions left in the field—won 6-2, 6-1 against seeded foes who, in theory at least, should have provided something more of a challenge.

No. 7 Venus Williams compiled a remarkable 32-4 edge in winners against No. 27 Alona Bondarenko of Ukraine. No. 4 Serena Williams—one of five women with a shot at moving up to No. 1 by tournament's end—was never troubled by No. 30 Ai Sugiyama of Japan.

With the retirements of Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters, a shoulder injury sidelining Maria Sharapova, and early losses by Lindsay Davenport and Svetlana Kuznetsova, the sisters are the only past U.S. Open women's champions left.

One Williams or the other won the tournament every year from 1999 to 2002, but neither has made so much as a final since. Less than two months after playing in the Wimbledon final, won by Venus, they could square off in the quarterfinals here.

"I've had over a week to think about it," Serena said. "So right now, I'm just hoping to win my next match."

They're also the only two American women left. Among the men, Querrey and Fish are still in it, while 2003 U.S. Open champion Roddick plays his third-round match Sunday against No. 31 Andreas Seppi of Italy.

That major title for Roddick, whose second-round comeback victory over Ernests Gulbis of Latvia ended after 1:30 a.m. Saturday, was the most recent by a U.S. man, a drought of 19 Grand Slam tournaments that's the longest gap for the country in the 40-year Open era.

Guys like Querrey would wake up on weekend mornings and watch Pete Sampras or Andre Agassi play in big matches at Wimbledon or the U.S. Open with regularity. That doesn't happen any more. Querrey, though, is among the latest in a long line of players expected to bring back the good times.

"He's paid his dues. I think he's really ready to move forward," Venus Williams said. "He has the experience and he's had the opportunity to play matches against all kinds of players, so I think it's now his chance to do it."

What already has been a breakthrough tournament for Querrey would really become significant with another win. He's already faced Nadal once, losing in three sets on a hard court in August 2006.

"Won the first set, I remember, so that was cool," Querrey said. "Like, the main thing from that match I remember—I was playing at 2 (p.m.), and I knew ESPN went on the air at 3. I wanted to make it to 3 to get some ESPN time, which I did. ... Hopefully I've gotten a lot better since then. He has, too."

Nadal's assessment was similar.

"I managed to catch a bit of his match," Nadal said. "He has improved a lot, and he has that powerful serve."

At 6-foot-6, Querrey is one of the few men who comes close to seeing eye-to-eye with the 6-10 Karlovic. That height and accompanying wingspan allow Querrey both to generate torque on his serves—he hit 20 aces, only four fewer than his opponent—and to handle Karlovic's own high-bouncing offerings effectively.

But there's so much more to Querrey, of course.

He has touch, as he showed by flicking a defensive lob over the tallest player in ATP history to go ahead 5-3 in the opening tiebreaker.

He has nerve, as he showed by producing 45 winners and only 13 unforced errors, and by hanging tougher than Karlovic in key moments. It was Querrey who saved break points at 4-all and 5-all in the second set. It was Karlovic who double-faulted to fall behind 6-4 in the second tiebreaker, which Querrey ended with a 127 mph ace that caught a corner.

Could Querrey beat Nadal?

"If he's going to serve like today," Karlovic said, "yeah, of course. Why not?"

Querrey couldn't have said it better himself.

Warner to start ahead of Leinart for Cardinals

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—Experience beat out potential in the fight for starting quarterback for the Arizona Cardinals. Coach Ken Whisenhunt said Saturday that Kurt Warner would be the starter over Matt Leinart when Arizona opens its season Sept. 7 at San Francisco.

"It was a fair evaluation of that position but it was also tough because both guys played well," Whisenhunt said. "Both guys did a good job."

The coach said he still considered Leinart, the No. 10 pick overall in the draft three years ago and a 16-game NFL starter in two seasons, the Cardinals' quarterback of the future. But Warner is coming off a strong season and impressed the coaching staff with his consistency and willingness to adjust his game to suit Whisenhunt's style.

Warner said he had mixed feelings when he was told of the decision.

"I was obviously excited for me and the opportunity but I'm also disappointed for Matt and know the position that he's in," Warner said, "Kind of bittersweet but definitely excited from my standpoint."

Leinart was the opening day starter in Whisenhunt's first season with Arizona a year ago, but the quarterback went down for the season with a broken collarbone on a vicious hit from St. Louis linebacker Will Witherspoon in game 5.

Warner came on to have one of his best seasons since his heady days with St. Louis, when he was a two-time MVP (1999 and 2001) and a Super Bowl MVP (2000).

He threw for 3,417 yards and 27 touchdowns for the Cardinals—compared with 17 interceptions—despite only 11 starts. Warner had multiple touchdown passes in each of his last eight games, the longest such streak of his career.

Still, the day after last season ended, Whisenhunt said Leinart was the No. 1 quarterback. That changed sometime this preseason. The most obvious turning point came Aug. 23 in Oakland, when Leinart was awful, throwing three interceptions in less than two quarters.

Whisenhunt insists that wasn't the major factor in the decision, and Leinart came back with a strong showing in Friday night's preseason finale against Denver.

"It really wasn't anything specific," Whisenhunt said. "There were a lot of things that we were looking at. It was a whole bunch of information."

Whisenhunt said Leinart was understandably upset by the decision.

"Great competitors get upset emotionally," the coach said. "Part of being a good player is reining those emotions in and being able to control them. That was one of the things that we got to see last night. He was able to do that after last week."

It wasn't enough to save his job, though.

Instead, Warner was put at the controls of a team that, after going 8-8 last season, believes it can contend in the NFC West. Warner acknowledged it is unusual in today's NFL for a veteran to unseat such a high draft pick at quarterback.

"The bottom line is you just want to be on the football field and you want to play," Warner said. "I still feel like I can do that at a high level."

He said he was happy to "have another chance to compete and hopefully take us to someplace we haven't been in some time and have another run at a championship."

Whisenhunt also announced two other decisions in close competition. Travis LaBoy will start over Bertrand Berry at defensive end/linebacker, and Deuce Lutui got the nod at right guard over Elton Brown.

Pedroia leads Red Sox against White Sox

BOSTON (AP)—Boston's Dustin Pedroia moved to the top of the American League batting average charts with his second straight 4-for-4 performance as the Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox 8-2 on Saturday.

The result had little impact on the teams' playoff races. Boston remained 4-1/2 games behind Tampa Bay in the AL East and Chicago stayed half a game clear atop the AL Central. The Red Sox did however extend their lead in the wildcard race to 3-1/2 games.

Second baseman Pedroia's 8-for-8 streak against the White Sox took his season average to .327. It was the first time he had ever batted fourth in the order as Boston made adjustments to a makeshift lineup.

Angels 4, Rangers 3

In Anaheim, California, Los Angeles reduced the number of wins it needs to clinch the AL West to just nine by beating Texas.

Torii Hunter stole a home run from Texas with a leaping catch, for the second straight day, as the Angels stretched their lead over the Rangers to 18 games.

Rays 10, Orioles 9

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Tampa Bay got out of a four-run deficit to edge Baltimore and retain its AL East buffer.

Rocco Baldelli hit a game-winning RBI double in the ninth inning to cap the comeback.

With two outs in the ninth, the Rays drew level with a solo homer, and a hit put on a man on base who scored off Baldelli's rip down the third-base line.

Athletics 3, Twins 2

In Oakland, California, a ninth-inning throwing error gave Oakland victory over Minnesota, which squandered a chance to go back on top of the AL Central.

Bobby Crosby and Emil Brown both scored on a throwing error by Minnesota closer Joe Nathan.

Mariners 4, Indians 3, 10 innings

In Cleveland, Raul Ibanez singled in the go-ahead run to spark Seattle's two-run 10th inning and beat Cleveland.

Seattle took a 2-0 lead into the ninth, but a two-run homer drew the Indians level.

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 6

In New York, Toronto rallied from four runs down to further reduce New York's dwindling playoff ambitions.

The Yankees fell 7 games behind Boston in the wildcard race with 27 games to play.

Royals 13, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Kansas City snapped a four-game losing trot with a big win over Detroit.

Billy Butler drove in four runs in his first career multi-homer game. Butler hit a solo homer in the second and added a three-run shot during the Royals' four-run sixth.

Phillies 5, Cubs 2

In Chicago, the Chicago Cubs' seven-game winning streak came to an end Saturday at the hands of the Philadelphia Phillies, whose swings for the fences paid off in a win in the National League.

Jayson Werth homered twice and Ryan Howard hit his major league-leading 37th homer as the Phillies closed within a game of NL East division leader New York.

The Cubs' lead in the NL Central was cut to 5-1/2 games ahead of Milwaukee.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Los Angeles ended its eight-game losing slump to close back within 3-1/2 games of Arizona in the NL West.

Manny Ramirez homered twice for the Dodgers. Ramirez, who is batting .545 in his career against Arizona, went deep in the third for the Dodgers' first run, then hit the right-field foul pole in the seventh for his ninth homer with Los Angeles. He had reached base in nine straight plate appearances before grounding out in the ninth.

Marlins 4, Mets 3

In Miami, New York's sputtering bullpen failed again, issuing a bases-loaded walk that handed victory to Florida.

The Mets lead in the NL East was cut to one game, while Florida closed within six games. The Marlins avoided slipping to .500 for the first time since the embryonic stages of the season.

Brewers 11, Pirates 3

In Pittsburgh, the home team skidded to its ninth straight loss at the hands of a rampant Milwaukee.

Corey Hart and Mike Cameron, who drove in four runs, homered for the Brewers, who are 5-1/2 games clear in the wildcard race and the same distance behind NL Central leader Chicago.

Padres 9, Rockies 4

In San Diego, Brian Giles drove in two runs during the Padres' six-run fourth inning as San Diego beat Colorado.

Padres' starter Josh Geer won his major league debut. He pitched five innings, allowing only two runs while striking out five. Geer made his debut as a replacement for ace Jake Peavy, who was put back a day after a strenuous outing in his previous start.

Reds 7, Giants 6

In Cincinnati, the home team ceded a three-run lead before steadying to beat San Francisco.

Corey Patterson tripled in Jay Bruce in the eighth inning. With one out in the eighth, Bruce grounded a single into center field, and Patterson hit the next pitch down the first base line and into the corner, where it rattled around long enough for Bruce to sprint home and give Cincinnati the decisive lead.

Astros 8, Cardinals 5

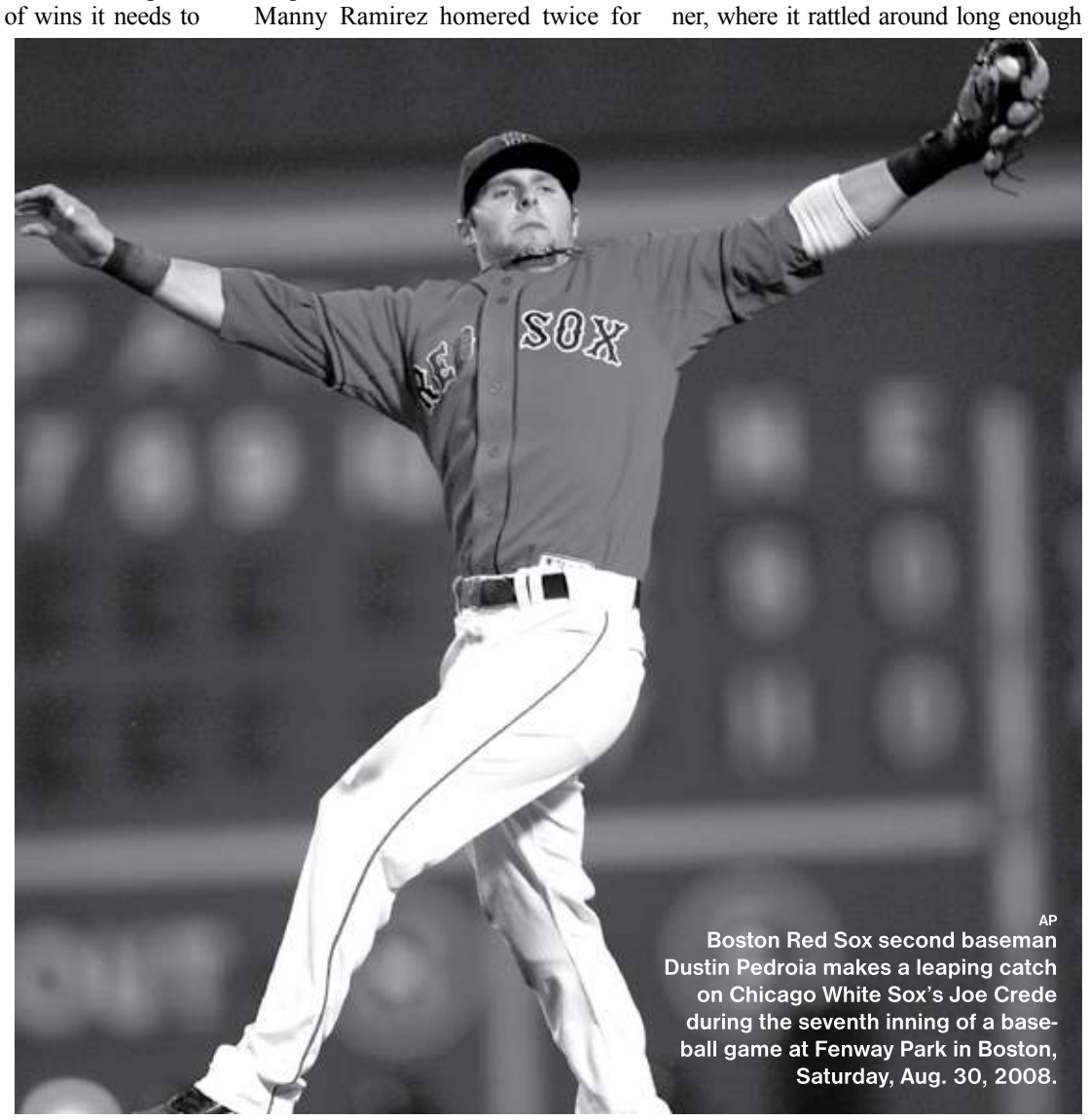
In Houston, Ty Wigginton and Hunter Pence hit homers during a six-run first inning as Houston held on to beat St. Louis.

The Astros won their fourth straight and 20 games in August, but look to be out of playoff contention.

Nationals 9, Braves 8, 10 innings

In Washington, the home side won its season-high fifth straight thanks to a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the tenth.

The Nationals loaded the bases—a walk, a passed ball, a single that came off the first baseman's glove and then a deliberate walk—without an out. A strikeout and a lineout followed to give the Braves a chance to get out of trouble, but with the count full, Elijah Dukes held off a pitch that was low and outside, taking it for the fourth ball and clinching victory.



AP

Boston Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia makes a leaping catch on Chicago White Sox's Joe Crede during the seventh inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008.

Tim Clark takes Deutsche Bank lead, loses shot at 59

NORTON, Mass. (AP)—Tim Clark matched his best score on the PGA Tour with a 62. He made two eagles in a span of three holes, nearly driving a par 4. And he wound up with a one-shot lead in the Deutsche Bank Championship.

It still was hard to hide his disappointment.

The South African poured in birdies at such an alarming rate Saturday on the TPC Boston that after making his second eagle, from just over 20 feet on the 298-yard fourth hole, he was 10 under through 13 holes.

Two birdies over his final five holes—one of them a par 5—and he would have a 59.

And after a beautiful sand wedge to 3 feet on the par-5 seventh to reach 11 under for his round, he only needed one birdie over the final two holes to become the fourth player to shoot golf's magic number on the PGA Tour.

"For a while there, there certainly was a chance of 59," he said.

His hopes ended with a 3-iron hybrid right of the 222-yard eighth hole and an 8-foot par putt he failed to convert.

"That was end of the dream," he said.

But the second round of the PGA Tour Playoffs effectively is just beginning.

Clark bogeyed his final two holes and still shot a 9-under 62, giving him a one-shot lead over Mike Weir of Canada going into the final two rounds at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

But a dozen players were separated by four shots, including Barclays winner Vijay Singh.

The group does not include British Open and PGA champion Padraig Harrington. He battled back with a 65, but still missed the cut for the second straight week and now is in jeopardy of missing the Tour Championship. Masters champion Trevor Immelman made the cut by one shot after a 67, and he might be the only major champion at East Lake.

Weir, who tied the course record Friday with a 61, took a while to warm up until he settled in for a 68. He prefers a stiffer test, but the former Masters champion has won at places like the Bob Hope Classic.

"I'm going to have to do a little better," Weir said.

Singh, who won The Barclays in a playoff last week to lead the FedEx Cup standings, picked up three birdies on the final four holes for a 66 and was two shots back at 12-under 130, along with former British Open champion Ben Curtis, who had a 65.

Jim Furyk (65), Sergio Garcia (64) and Ernie Els (65) were in the group at 131 that also included Kevin Streelman, who is turning into this year's poster boy of how playing well can pay off big in this points format.

Streelman was No. 102 when the playoffs began, tied for fourth at The Barclays to move up to No. 37, and is continuing a strong run that began after the U.S. Open. The PGA Tour rookie from Chicago is 78-under par in his last eight tournaments, plus these two rounds.

"We all get on streaks where you feel like things are going well, and you try to ride it as long as possible," Streelman said. "And I feel like I've been playing some good golf."

He is assured of making the third round next week in St. Louis for the top 70 in the standings, but that isn't the case for some of those who missed the cut.

That group includes Retief Goosen, Rich Beem, Fred Couples and a couple of Europeans who wasted one last chance to impress Ryder Cup captain Nick Faldo as they try to make the European team.

Ian Poulter (74) and Paul Casey (73) both missed the cut, and Poulter lashed out at the media for causing such a distraction that he wasted energy on the wrong things.

"It's a joke," Poulter said. "It's not the kind of buzz you want to play golf on, trust me. The kind of nonsense that's been in my head for a whole week is not the right kind of pressure.

"It's nonsense," he said. "You've read it. You've wrote it. Some of you might be guilty or not, I don't know. But boy, what one hell of a week."

Defending champion Phil Mickelson nearly joined them, especially after he found the water on No. 16 for a double bogey. But he answered with a 33 on the front nine for a 70 to make the cut on the number at 3-under 139.

And here's a playoff first: Because more than 78 players made the cut (86), there will be a 54-hole cut on Sunday to the top 70, meaning some players, such as Rocco Mediate, better play hard.

Strangely enough, Clark only cared about making the cut when he began the second round.

He put those fears to rest quickly with birdies of 20 feet and 15 feet on his opening two holes, added an 18-foot birdie on the 14th hole, then turned it on starting with the 17th.

His 7-iron settled 2 feet away for birdie, then came an easy up-and-down from behind the par-5 18th green. Clark hit a 9-iron to 2 feet on No. 1, then a 3-iron hybrid over the hazard to 8 feet for eagle on No. 2.

Golf's magic number didn't cross his mind until a big drive to the front edge of the par-4 fourth, and an eagle putt from just over 20 feet that put him 10 under through 13 holes.

Two more birdies over five holes would have allowed him to sign for a 59.

"Although I had 59 in my mind once I made that putt, it certainly didn't affect my golf," Clark said. "I hit a couple of bad tee shots coming in, but I certainly felt I could hit a few good shots."

The birdie on No. 7 gve him hope, especially with a front left pin on No. 9 that allowed for birdies.

"But No. 8 was always going to be tough," he said. And that proved to be true.

Even so, he had the lead at the Deutsche Bank Championship, giving him another chance to earn his first PGA Tour victory.

Coaches see Fil-Ams going 1-2-3

MANILA, Philippines— Coaches Caloy Garcia of Rain Or Shine and Bo Perasol of Air 21 have tipped Fil-Ams Gabe Norwood, Jared Dillinger and Solomon Mercado to emerge as the first three picks in the PBA draft today at the Market! Market! in Taguig City.

Garcia said Rain or Shine will exercise its rights on the 6-foot-5 Norwood, a former standout of George Mason University in the US NCAA, who represented the country in the Fiba-Asia Championships and the Southeast Asian Games last year.

"Without a doubt, it will be Norwood," Garcia told the Inquirer in a telephone interview. "He (Norwood) fits the puzzle."

But Garcia did not rule out the possibility of several draft-day moves in a bid to bolster his roster.

Norwood was given the green light to join the draft only last Friday when PBA commissioner Sonny Barrios said that the letter of Justice Sec. Raul Gonzales to the Department of Foreign Affairs on July 21, 2007 declaring Norwood a Filipino citizen was enough to satisfy league requirements for players born and raised abroad.

The pro league requires Filipino applicants with foreign ancestry to submit a clearance from the Bureau of Immigration aside from the DOJ recognition before declaring them eligible for the draft.

Dillinger, a 6-foot-5, who hails from Littleton, Colorado played college ball at the University of Hawaii. He has suited up for the Pampanga Buddies in the Liga Pilipinas.

Mercado, a product of Biola University in La Mirada, California, was part of the multi-titled Harbour Centre squad in the PBL.

Garcia and Perasol practically had almost the same predictions on the probable first-round selections.

The other likely first-rounders are Jason Castro, Rob Reyes, Mark Borboran, Bonbon Custodio, Jeff Chan, Beau Belga, Larry Rodriguez and TY Tang.

"There are lots of versatile players but no true big men, unlike last year when Eman Samigue was there," said Perasol.

Talk N' Text holds the second and fourth picks but coach Chot Reyes, when interviewed by the Inquirer, did not divulge his probable choices.

San Miguel will select third, after Air21 relinquished its right because of the Gabby Espinas trade. Air21 had earlier taken the rights from Coca-Cola on the Mark Telan trade.

Alaska owns the fifth pick, followed by Air 21, Purefoods, San Miguel, Red Bull and Sta. Lucia to end the first round.

Talk N' Text will select first in the second round, followed by Rain or Shine, Air21, Sta. Lucia, Alaska and Purefoods. Red Bull will have the seventh to ninth picks, before Sta. Lucia ends the drafting order.

Only Ginebra, the newly crowned Fiesta Cup champion, doesn't have a pick in the draft, giving up its selection to Coca-Cola as part of the deal that allowed the Gin Kings to nab Raffy Reavis, Billy Mamaril and Rudy Hatfield.

"We don't have draft picks at a time when we need new blood to strengthen the team," Gin Kings coach Jong Uichico rued, saying they could resort to the trading market and free agency. ***(PDI)***

ROCK STEADY

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the Year awards.

Taisakan was the triples and homerun champion.

Other individual awardees named after the deciding Game 5 of the title series between the Rangers and Rock Steady at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield were the Korean Dreams' John M. Reyes (batting champion) and Jason Reyes (triples champion), the San Roque D9-ers' Jonathan Tenorio (RBIs champion), and the Tanapag Falcons' Mike Pangelinan (homerun champion).

The Sportsmanship Award went to last year's champion the Falcons.

The Rangers settled for the runner-up trophy when they lost to Rock Steady in Game 5, 3-5. They also took the pennant runner-up plum, finishing the regular season with a 10-4 record.

Baseball president Rose Igitol thanked MARPAC and Budweiser for donating trophies and for supporting SML in the past three seasons.

"We hope to continue this partnership with MARPAC and Budweiser to ensure the continued development of baseball on the island," she said.

CNMI JR.

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called off due to miscommunications about the match schedule.

Lucky for the G-Stars, they escaped the wrath of the Junior Nationals.

The G-Rollers II did not, as they were on the receiving end of the Junior Nationals' frustration from the opening-day loss to the Sonics.

Jerich Cruz had 20 points in their debut, but had to bleed for his points against the Sonics. In the Junior Nationals match versus the G-Rollers II, Cruz had less troubles scoring against the G-Rollers II's defense or the lack of it. He finished with 30 points.

Marvin Rabauliman, who also had 20 points in their first game, added 14, while Allen Moses contributed 13. Joseph White, one of the newcomers for the Junior Nationals, continued to prove his worth on the team, drilling 13 markers. He also scored in double figures against the Sonics, making 10 markers.

Despite the Junior Nationals taking control of the game in the first half, the G-Rollers II trailed by still a manageable margin at halftime, 23-39.

But the second half was a different story with the Junior Nationals asserting their offensive might against the G-Rollers II, who had only four players making it onto the scoreboard.

Jerry Mabini drilled 21 points, while Eugene Manglona scored 10. Jesse and Anthony Santos combined for only seven points.

CNMI Jr. Nationals 84 – Cruz 30, Rabauliman 14, Moses 13, White 13, Villagomez 7, Castro 4.

G-Rollers II 38 – Mabini 21, E. Manglona 10, J. Santos 4, A. Santos 3.

Scoring by halves: 39-23, 84-38.

Referees: Connie Camacho and Gilbert Espinosa.

SONICS

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Club Youth Basketball League and was the top scorer for the team in their first two wins in the 18-and-under caging.

Omar Ajoste, Manuel's brother and the Sonics' assistant coach said the prolific scorer's departure will be a big loss to the team.

"He will leave a big hole on the team. But I am sure his teammates will understand. As much as he loves basketball, he has no choice at this time, but to leave and look for a better future for him and his family," Omar said.

"Life is getting difficult here," the older Ajoste said.

Sonics head coach Jesse Tudela could not be reached to comment on Manuel's departure.

But Omar said Tudela was already informed of Manuel's plans after the younger Ajoste graduated from Saipan Southern High School, three months ago.

"He wished my brother good luck. He said the team will miss one of the best young shooting guards on the island," Omar said.

Manuel played for two games for the Sonics in the ongoing Rotary caging.

He scored 19 points in the Sonics' early rematch with the CNMI Junior Nationals during the opening of the youth caging and lifted his team to a 71-64 victory.

In his last game for the Sonics, Manuel was again the team's top scorer, firing 17 markers in their 81-49 rout of the G-Stars.

Early this year, Ajoste played for the Manta Rays in the MISO High School Basketball League and was a member of the All-Conference Team, joining teammate Mike Eclevia, MHS's Jericho Cruz, Kagman's Vince Teregeyo, and Mt. Carmel's Kristian Aquino.

The 18-year-old cager helped the Rays regain the high school championship they lost to the MHS Dolphins during the 2006-2007 season. The Rays beat the Dolphins in the finals of the 2007-2008 season, 111-99, with Ajoste firing 18 points in the title game.

Manuel was also part of the Sonics team which claimed the runnerup trophy in last year's Micronesian Basketball Tournament. The Sonics stunned the CNMI Junior Nationals in the semis, before bowing to host Guam in the title match.

In the Bud Cup, Manuel played against much older foes and helped the Sonics reached the semifinal round of one of the toughest leagues on the island.

Manuel, who will be with the U.S. Air Force, is the second Sonics player to leave the team this year. The first one was Lerio Pagarao, who went back to the Philippines. Jon Lim is expected to follow Manuel in the mainland to also join the military.

PTI

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The win was PTI's 10th in 11 games, boosting its chances for the pennant.

The pennant winner will only be decided once Northern Marianas College complete its games. NMC has a 8-1 record and a sweep of its last two games will give the team the pennant, as it beat PTI, 87-82, in the regular season.

PTI started the game against DPW/P&S with only six players and trailed, 16-11, at the end of the first half.

Pangelinan led DPW/P&S's good start, making 10 points in the first quarter and hitting two triples. He continued to connect his shots from downtown in the second canto, drilling four straight triples at one point in that period to keep DPW/P&S in the lead at halftime, 39-35.

Mendoza and Esdrelon, who came in late for the game, announced their entry in the latter part of the second period and led PTI's recovery in the third to grab the lead, 65-58, entering the final canto.

PTI started pulling away in the fourth period, but its momentum was halted when the power went off, forcing organizers to reschedule the game.

DPW/P&S could have just called off the resumption of the match, as it was given a slim chance to upset PTI. But DPW/P&S went on fighting, while PTI played around after establishing 15-point lead in the last four minutes of the match.

PTI 82 – Fitial 16, Mendoza 14, Esdrelon 14, Berline 10, Ruszala 6, Del Rosario 5, Watanabe 2, Fuellas 2.

DPW/P&S 75 – E. Pangelinan 50, Tomokane 9, Masga 8, Guerrero 6, Tudela 6.

Soring by quarters: 11-16, 35-39, 65-58, 82-75.

Referees: Eric Artillaga and Michael White.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	83	51	.619	–
Boston	79	56	.585	4 1/2
New York	72	63	.533	11 1/2
Toronto	69	66	.511	14 1/2
Baltimore	63	72	.467	20 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	76	59	.563	–
Minnesota	76	60	.559	1/2
Cleveland	65	69	.485	10 1/2
Detroit	65	70	.481	11
Kansas City	57	78	.422	19

West Division

Los Angeles	83	52	.615	–
Texas	66	71	.482	18
Oakland	63	73	.463	20
1/2				
Seattle	52	83	.385	31

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	75	61	.551	–
Philadelphia	74	62	.544	1
Florida	69	67	.507	6
Atlanta	59	77	.434	16
Washington	51	85	.375	24

Central Division

Chicago	85	51	.625	–
Milwaukee	79	56	.585	5 1/2
St. Louis	74	62	.544	11
Houston	70	66	.515	15
Cincinnati	60	76	.441	25
Pittsburgh	57	78	.422	27 1/2

West Division

Arizona	69	66	.511	–
Los Angeles	66	70	.485	3 1/2
Colorado	64	73	.467	6
San Francisco	59	76	.437	10
San Diego	52	83	.385	17

Yesterday's Games

Toronto 7, N.Y. Yankees 6
Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 9
Seattle 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings
Boston 8, Chicago White Sox 2
Kansas City 13, Detroit 3
Oakland 3, Minnesota 2
L.A. Angels 4, Texas 3
Philadelphia 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 11, Pittsburgh 3
Houston 8, St. Louis 5
Florida 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Washington 9, Atlanta 8, 10 innings
Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 6
L.A. Dodgers 6, Arizona 2
San Diego 9, Colorado 4

DEUTSCHE BANK SCORES

NORTON, Massachusetts (AP)–Scores Saturday from the Deutsche Bank Championship, a $7 million (4.7 million euro) U.S. PGA Tour playoff at 7,207-yard, par-71 TPC Boston:

SECOND ROUND

Tim Clark	66-62	128
Mike Weir	61-68	129
Ben Curtis	65-65	130
Vijay Singh	64-66	130
Jim Furyk	66-65	131
Kevin Streelman	66-65	131
Sergio Garcia	67-64	131
Ernie Els	66-65	131
John Merrick	64-68	132
Anthony Kim	66-66	132
Heath Slocum	64-68	132
Steve Marino	66-66	132
Richard S. Johnson	67-66	133
D.J. Trahan	67-66	133
Charlie Wi	66-67	133
Briny Baird	64-69	133
Ken Duke	66-67	133
John Mallinger	66-67	133
Johnson Wagner	68-65	133
Steve Flesch	68-65	133
Jeff Overton	66-67	133
Bo Van Pelt	67-67	134
Camilo Villegas	68-66	134
Eric Axley	65-69	134
Ryuji Imada	69-65	134
Hunter Mahan	70-64	134
Angel Cabrer	67-68	135
Ryan Palmer	67-68	135
Ryan Moore	67-68	135
Fredrik Jacobson	67-68	135
Carl Pettersson	67-68	135
Brandt Snedeker	67-68	135
Nick O'Hern	69-66	135
Tom Pernice, Jr.	69-67	136
Jason Day	70-66	136
Jonathan Byrd	67-69	136
Brian Davis	70-66	136
Charles Howell III	66-70	136
Tim Petrovic	71-65	136
Brian Gay	68-68	136
Stuart Appleby	70-66	136
Steve Stricker	69-67	136
Stewart Cink	67-69	136
Charley Hoffman	67-6	136
Ben Crane	72-65	137
Geoff Ogilvy	67-70	137
Robert Allenby	70-67	137
Chad Campbell	67-70	137
Andres Romero	68-69	137
Scott Verplank	69-68	137
Boo Weekley	70-67	137
Kevin Sutherland	70-67	137
J.J. Henry	68-69	137
Jay Williamson	68-70	138
Martin Laird	70-68	138
John Senden	69-69	138
Trevor Immelman	71-67	138
Stephen Ames	71-67	138
Peter Lonard	71-67	138
Justin Bolli	67-71	138
Pat Perez	69-69	138
Adam Scott	70-68	38
Mark Wilson	69-69	138
Woody Austin	72-66	138
Chez Reavie	69-69	138
Tommy Armour III	67-71	138
Frank Lickliter II	73-65	138
Lucas Glover	68-71	139
Dean Wilson	71-68	139
K.J. Choi	69-70	139
Phil Mickelson	69-70	139
Justin Leonard	69-70	139
Bart Bryant	69-70	139
Bill Haas	69-70	139
Michael Allen	71-68	139
John Rollins	73-66	139
Jesper Parnevik	68-71	139
Tim Herron	72-67	139
Brett Quigley	69-70	139
Aaron Baddeley	72-67	139
Kenny Perry	72-67	139
Billy Mayfair	70-69	139
Bubba Watson	70-69	139
Rocco Mediate	69-70	139
Scott McCarron	69-70	39
Corey Pavin	71-68	139

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LOCAL SCORES

Rotary Standings

Southern Sonics	2	0
G-Rollers I	2	0
Kontenders	2	1
San Antonio Sixers	1	0
CNMI Jr. Nationals	1	1
Suns	0	1
G-Rollers II	0	3
G-Stars	0	2

The Week in Sports

Sluggers put on a show

Right, Shell Marianas players pose with their championship trophy.

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Below, Shell Marianas players celebrate their championship victory.

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Shell Marianas' Mel Sakisat steps back before delivering a pitch.

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A Natibu batter waits for the ball during their finals game against Shell Marianas during the 6th Marianas Cup Co-ed Softball Tournament Qualifier.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Rock Steady's Tyrone Omar lets a high ball go in Game 5 of their title series with the Rangers in the 2008 Budweiser Saipan Major League. Rob Bansil caught the ball.

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The Rangers Craig Sanchez catches a fly ball in Game 5 of their match against Rock Steady.

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The kings of the diamonds topped last week's list of best performers with Rock Steady and Shell Marianas ruling separate tournaments.

Shell Marianas won the 6th Annual Miller Lite Marianas Cup Co-ed Slow-pitch Softball Qualifier at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield, while Rock Steady conquered the 2008 Budweiser Saipan Major League baseball.

It was the sixth straight time that Shell Marianas prevailed in the annual tournament. The team was formerly known as No Ka Oi and defended its title under a new team name after beating seven other teams in the Saipan qualifier of the Marianas Cup.

Shell Marianas secured the championship after shutting out Natibu in the finals, 8-0.

The champion squad was composed of Mel Sakisat, Julian Camacho, Mel Tagabuel, Ben Mesa, J.J Laniyo, Jerry Ayuyu, Toi and Roy Celis, Berta Camacho, Jun Saralu, Dave Camacho, Erica Tenorio, Mario Sablan, Nick Castro, Joey dela Cruz, and Oliver Secharmidal.

Over at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, the power outage-delayed title series finally ended Saturday with Rock Steady outlasting the Rangers in the deciding Game 5, 5-3.

It took more about three weeks to wrap up the best-of-five title series due to the rolling power outages.

The Rangers had two chances to secure the SML title when they won Games 1 and 3. Rock Steady claimed Game 2 when the Rangers showed up for the continuation of the match with only eight players.

But the Rangers muffed their chances, while Rock Steady swept the last two games in the series to steal the championship. The Mel Tenorio-managed squad dominated Game 4 with an 8-4 victory to tie the series.

Game 5 was played after Game 4 Monday night, but the power went off with the Rangers leading at the top of the third, 2-1.

Organizers scheduled the continuation of Game 5 Saturday morning and both teams played with a depleted lineup.

Rock Steady pitcher Nick San Nicolas gave up only one run at the resumption of the deciding match to lift his team to a title win.

In other events, 10 completed a FIVB-sanctioned Level I Coaching Course Wednesday. The graduates of the weeklong course given by Federation Internationale de Volleyball instructor and former Australian coach Tomas Santamaria were Mili Saki, Russ Quinn, Laurie Peterka, Mark McDonald, Joe Taijeron, Tamiko Winkfield, Christopher Shepherd, Gabriel White, and Kim Peterson.

Youth bowling sensation Raphael Zapanta continued to dominate Saipan Bowling Association's 2008 season, claiming his sixth monthly title last week. Zapanta won the August Bing Energy Drink Prince of the Lanes crown.

In basketball, make-up games in the PTI caging were played at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, as league organizers are eyeing to start the playoffs this week.

Teams like DCCA had to play back-to-back games just to finish the regular season.

In golf, RGA member Asterio Tawanpiy won the Sufa Golf Tournament held at the Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

The tournament was a fundraiser for Sufa Softball Association, which sent a team to Las Vegas, Nevada for the CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament.

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August Bing Prince of the Lanes Tenpin Bowling Tournament champion Raphael Zapanta is flanked by runners-up Leeanne Yarobwemal, left, and Zach Cruz last Sunday at the Capital Bowling Center in Garapan.

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Participants in the FIVB Level I Coaching Course pose with FIVB instructor Tomas Santamaria, sixth from left, before the awarding of certificates Wednesday afternoon at Pacific Islands Club's Seaside Grill in San Antonio.

Sluggers put on a show
The kings of the diamonds topped last week's list of best performers with Rock Steady and Shell Marianas ruling separate tournaments.

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Querrey's 2nd upset of Open earns match vs. Nadal
Sam Querrey is so young that there isn't a trace of irony when he mentions growing up rooting for Andy Roddick and James Blake, two guys still very much on tour and still in their 20s.

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Rock Steady racks up most awards

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It was a case of when it rains, it pours.

A few minutes after clinching the championship of the 2008 Budweiser Saipan Major League, individual awards flooded Rock Steady's side.

Players from the pennant and 2008 SML champion Rock Steady took 10 trophies for their outstanding performances in the regular season and in the best-of-five title series.

Leading the list were Tyrone Omar and Nick San Nicolas, who were adjudged most valuable players in the regular season and in the championship showdown, respectively.

Omar went home with two more trophies, topping the most runs category with 26 and wining the Golden Globe Award (outfield).

San Nicolas nailed his second trophy after prevailing in the ERA category with an average of 0.81.

Other Rock Steady players who took home individual trophies were Manny Sablan (most doubles and Catcher of the Year) and Oliver Secharmidal (Golden Glove Award, infield)

Rock Steady's Joey Dela Cruz claimed the Coach of the Year plum, while Mel Tenorio notched the Manager of the Year award.

Besides Rock Steady players, also winning multiple awards were Komoro's Kim Jae Young and the Ford Rangers' Benwachi Taisakan.

Kim collected three trophies, winning the strikeouts race and the Rookie of the Year and Pitcher of

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Budweiser Saipan Major League regular season MVP Tyrone Omar of Rock Steady holds one of his three trophies during the 2008 season's awards ceremony Saturday at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

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ERA champion Nick San Nicolas, left, of Rock Steady receives a trophy from MARPAC/ Budweiser representative Tom Basa during the award ceremony for the 2008 Budweiser Saipan Major League.

CNMI Jr. Nationals wallop G-Rollers II

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The CNMI Junior Nationals' Marvin Rabauliman goes for an undergoal stab against Sonics defenders during their opening game in the Rotary caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last month. The Jr. Nationals lost, but recovered in their second game Friday night, trouncing the G-Rollers II.

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The CNMI Junior Nationals vented their ire on the G-Rollers II, routing their hapless foes, 84-38, in the 2008 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Junior Nationals lost their debut to perennial rival the Southern Sonics, 64-71, during the season-opening game of the 18-and-under caging, three weeks ago.

The Rufino Aguon-coached squad was supposed to play its second game against the G-Stars, but the match was

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Sonics guard Ajoste enlists in Air Force

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The CNMI will be losing a talent in basketball in Manuel Ajoste Jr., who will be leaving for Texas today to join the military.

Ajoste plays for the Southern Sonics in the ongoing 2008 Saipan Rotary

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Southern Sonics' Manuel Ajoste drives past the Junior Nationals' Allen Moses during the opening game in the Rotary caging last month. Ajoste is out of the Sonics roster, as he leaves for Texas today to join the military.

PTI endures DPW to keep pennant bid alive

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PTI finished its regular season assignment in the Inaugural PTI Inter-Government/ Business Basketball League on a winning note, surviving the Department of Public Works/Procurement & Supply, 82-75, at the continuation of their power-outage suspended game Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The game was first played two weeks ago before the power went off with four minutes, 32 seconds left in the fourth quarter. PTI was comfortably ahead by 15, 78-63.

But what could have been a blowout win for PTI turned into a close match, as DPW/P&S outscored the latter, 12-4 in the remaining minutes of the game.

Hotshot Edgar Pangelinan capitalized on PTI's sloppy defense, scoring DPW/P&S's last 10 points, including two triples.

It was a gallant effort for DPW/P&S, which is already out of contention in the playoffs, but still decided to continue their match against PTI.

Pangelinan had another explosive game for DPW/P&S, firing 50 points and nailing 12 triples, the most for a player or perhaps for any team this season.

He was the lone DPW/P&S player to score in double figures.

Kelvin Fitial paced PTI with 16 points, while Elmer Esdrelon and Edsel Mendoza chipped in 14 apiece. Bruce Berline contributed 10, including two of PTI's four points in the last 4:32 of the game.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
PTI's Ryan Sanciangco goes for a shot and is fouled by a DPW/P&S defender during their game in the PTI caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last month. The match was suspended due to a power outage and resumed Friday night with PTI winning, 82-75.